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CHRISTMAS

Joyous Message of Christmas Lives Anew As Manger Scenes Symbolize Holy Night

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and and the Babe lying in a manger." -Luke 2:15-16.

Thus, in the New Testament, Luke tells the story of humble shepherds watching in the fields - shepherds to whom Biblical account of the Nativity, Matthew writes of the Wise Men, who followed a Star to Bethlehem.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His Mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him. And...they presented unto him gifts, gold and frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

At Christmas, as Christians everywhere celebrate the birth of Christ in church and home devotions, the story of the Nativity is told and retold - but it never grows old. Always, the well-remembered words of two of his deciples, Matthew and Luke, seem to resound with renewed meaning and inspiration, bringing to all some measure of that awe and wonder experienced by the shepherds and the wise men, long ago.

And now, as then, the supreme, the all-absorbing moment in the sacred story is that moment at the manger when first "they saw the young Child with Mary His mother."

St. Francis Planned First Creche

In the miracle of the manger, in the Madonna and Child, mankind sees an ever-present reminder of the love of God, the glory and promise of Christmas. Each year, as Christians [illegible]n in heart and spirit to Bethlehem and the manger, the joyous message lives anew. In cities, churches and homes, manger scenes symbolize once again the birth of a holy Child.

The treasured tradition of recreating the manger has a long and notable history. The first creche or crib, scholars say, was erected by St. Francis of Assisi and his bre-

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thren, in the tiny Italian village of Grecchio in 1223.

As the people of the town gathered about the manger, the first Christmas carols were sung - joyous songs in honor of the Saviour's birth. St. Francis felt that, through the manger scene and the cheery Christmas songs, even the humblest member of the congregation could participate more fully in the observance of Christmas.

Re-Creating the Nativity in Art, Song

Through the years, the meaning of the manger has been enriched by hundreds of thousands of reverent re-creations.

Both craftsmen and artists have been inspired by the manger, and have shared their inspiration with many. The Madonna and Child appear again and again in countless famous paintings, and the Christmas creche in miniature, created by the loving hands of skillful craftsmen, is a precious tradition in many lands, in many homes.

In song, too, "the young Child with Mary His mother." lives anew. Gathering around the manger scene, glad voices joyfully carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night. All is calm, all is bright, 'round yon Virgin Mother and Child...."

WHO'S NEW

December 14th - Mrs. Leonard Morrill (Catherine), Drayton Valley - Girl - 6 lbs. 6 ozs.
December 15th - Mrs. Peter Hofer (Sarah), Wildwood - Girl - 6 lbs. 10½ ozs.
December 16th - Mrs. Daniel Pipke (Sharon), Rocky Rapids - A Boy - 6 lbs. 1½ ozs.

The winner of this week's baby spoon is Mrs. Peter Hofer with her girl of 6 lbs. 10½ ozs. Mrs. Hofer may pick up her spoon at:

LLOYD'S JEWELLERY

RAMONA NEWS

Mrs. M. Wood, Correspondent.

The Ramona Community League had their monthly meeting. Many subjects were discussed. The annual supper and Dance will be held on New Year's Eve. Tickets can be bought from any Ramona member.

The second cash Bingo was held last Tuesday. Mrs. Paul Dusterhoff won the $10.00 black out and the jackpot will be worth $30.00 at the next Bingo which will be held on January 11, 1966.

Diane Lysak was in hospital and had her tonsils removed and is well and back home again.

Shawn De Chambers has had a trip to the hospital and we all hope she is well and back home again.

Mrs. Dora Stewart is spending the winter in the city.

Santa Claus came out to Ramona and made over fifty children happy with gifts and candy bags. Mrs. Landers and her Sunday School pupils joined with the Community children and put on a nice concert. Mrs. Wood, president and Mrs. Lysak, secretary were presented with a lovely gift of a travelling clock.

REBELS LEAD HIWAY 16 LOOP

The Drayton Valley Rebels by virtue of two victories during the past week have taken the lead in the Hi-Way 16 West Intermediate Hockey League. The Drayton team bombed Calmar 10-2 here last Thursday and travelled to Mayerthorpe on Sunday to edge that team by a 4-2 score.

In the Calmar game the teams were all even until about half way through the second period when the Rebels scored four goals in rapid succession to turn the contest into a rout. Alvin Hopfe led the Drayton team with three goals, Jerry Gartner got two as did John Hutchinson while, Bill Hutchinson, Gerald McMorris and Ken McMorris each got one goal.

In Mayerthorpe the Rebels again held the upper hand throughout most of the game to win it by a 4-2 score. Alvin Hopfe got two goals for the Rebels while John and Bill Hutchinson tallied singles.

In an exhibition game played here Saturday night, Edson edged the Rebels 3-2. The same two teams meet again at the local rink on Wednesday evening.

COOK WITH CARE

Many people have a roast or fowl for Christmas dinner. But no matter what you prepare, be sure the oven has been scoured before the cooking begins, says the Canadian Underwriters Association.

Accumulated grease in your oven or on the stove, can cause a kitchen fire and destroy your Christmas dinner and possibly your home, too.

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Seasons Greetings

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It's "Merry Christmas" All through the Town

"Merry Christmas!" In these two familiar words, often heard and often repeated, there lives and glows the meaning of the first of all Christmases, on that Holy Night nearly two thousand years ago. As the happy day approaches, this community, like many hundreds of thousands of other towns and cities around the world, proclaims the spirit of the season in ringing bells and happy carols, in gleaming lights and festive decorations.

Through all the celebrations — community, church, family — the simple words of greeting run like a glowing thread, weaving together into one joyous whole all the many glorious things that Christmas stands for. "Merry Christmas!" The words remind that Christmas is traditionally a time of merriment, a time for family and friends to gather together.

"Merry Christmas!" The words remind that Christmas is, indeed, more than merry. The lights and the laughter, the fun and the feasting are but the surface symbols of all Christmas truly means. It is a time of giving and sharing, a time to remember others, not only family, friends and neighbors, but all mankind, and especially the less fortunate among us.

As gaily wrapped packages make their way to Christmas trees around our town, the gifts once again recall the spirit of giving that began with the gold, frankincense and myrrh of the Wise Men, and the fragrant evergreen trees represent the message of the Christ Child, the inspiration of life eternal.

"Merry Christmas," we say, and with the words we seek to share our reverent wonder at the age-old story, our joy in ever-present blessings.

How Celebrations Began

"Merry Christmas!" The words are simple, familiar, even old-fashioned, yet they still contain a newness and freshness, a significance to thrill the heart of mankind.

Whence did they come, these familiar words? As a holy day and a holiday, Christmas means both festive merrymaking and prayerful worship, and both meanings are expressed in the traditional greeting, "Merry Christmas."

Christmas, commemorating the birth of Christ, derives its name from the medieval "Christes Masse," the mass of Christ. Yet, in the first centuries of the Christian church, there was no celebration of the birth of Christ, no Christmas.

The December festivals of those days were pagan in nature — the Roman Saturnalia in Southern Europe, the Yuletide festival of the winter solstice in Northern Europe.

When, in the fifth century A.D., Christmas began to be celebrated on December 25, the old customs of the pagan festivals were connected with the Christmas feast. The merrymaking continued, but it gained a deeper meaning, as pagan traditions were hallowed by association with the Nativity.

Thus Christmas became "Merry Christmas!"

Sending Greetings

"Merry Christmas!" The custom of extending holiday greetings to friends undoubtedly goes back many years, but the Christmas card as a means of expressing those greetings is a relative newcomer to Christmas traditions.

Christmas cards had their beginning only 122 years ago in England, but despite the comparatively recent start, saying "Merry Christmas" in card form was a custom that quickly caught the public fancy.

The wish to say, "Merry Christmas" to friends and neighbors is strong, and the ways of expressing it are many.

WHAT "NOEL" MEANS

"Noel," the French word for Christmas, means "birthday," "news," or "a shout of joy."

PEACE ON EARTH
GOOD WILL TO MEN

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Greetings

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Search for Talent At Thorsby Jan. 15

The Thorsby Lions Club will present Search for Talent at the Thorsby Community Centre on Saturday, January 15th. Walter Melnyk, convenor of the show for the Lions Club announced that the show which was originally scheduled for October 30th has been re-scheduled to a more suitable date in 1966, and that arrangements have been completed for January 15th.

Mr. Melnyk's staff at the Thorsby Hotel is in charge of registration of contestants and urges that those planning to participate sign up as soon as possible. Total number of contestants is limited to twenty, therefore early registration is imperative to avoid disappointment. Show time will be 7:30 p.m.

In outlining the Search for Talent program, Mr. Melnyk stated that each show will feature four areas of competition for local contestants plus entertainment provided by the Slick-Seven, a group of versatile entertainers under the direction of Johnny Forrest, famous CBC - T.V. Scottish entertainer. His cast consists of Bob-a-Doo the Clown; The Wildwood Folksingers; Donna Martinson, the flaming baton twirler and tap dancer; Joy Martin, pianist and accompanist; and Johnny Forrest. Jim Bladon is stage and lighting manager; and Maury Banks, CFRN Announcer, will be in his second year as Master of Ceremonies.

For the nineteenth consecutive year CFRN-Radio will broadcast the show one week later, and for the first time the Search for Talent Finals will be held at the CFRN-T.V studios in April, 1966 and will be broadcast by delayed video-tape.

The four areas of competition are the Sunwapta Primary, Showmanship, Country and Western and the Junior Divisions. Trophies to the first and second place winners at each show will be provided in each competition; with Northwestern Utilities Ltd., donating the awards in the Showmanship Competition; Canada Safeway Ltd. in the Country and Western event; and the Harmony Kids School of Music in the Junior Division. A number of firms will donate trophies in the Primary Event

Rejoice
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ALBERTA JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
BULLETIN:

HIGH RIVER GIRL HONORED FOR QUIET BRAVERY

Can a young person lead a normal life in spite of being crippled? Just ask thirteen-year old Joanne Tupkal! She has set an inspiring example to other handicapped youngsters.

Joanne was a polio victim when she was eleven months old. She has spent much of her life in the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary, and has undergone nine operations. In spite of wearing a brace and walking with crutches, Joanne recently volunteered for the track team and for the soft ball throw in her school. To earn her Second Class Girl Guide awards, she passed the same tests as children without physical handicaps. She takes part in marching and color parties and even plays dodge ball.

Happy, cheerful and uncomplaining, this enterprising girl has overcome her severe handicap in an exceptional manner.

We congratulate Joanne. Our thanks to Alberta's Weekly Newspaper Editors for their active co-operation in the Alberta Junior Citizen of the Year program, sponsored by Alberta's investor-owned electric utility companies.

This is one of a series of Junior Citizen Award announcements. Our special thanks to C. A. Clark, Editor of the High River Times, and to Joanne's nominators, Mrs. George Fisher and Mrs. H. J. Kinzell of High River.

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Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh Make Suitable Gifts for Infant King

In New Testament history, St. Matthew describes the first of all Christmas gifts — gold, frankincense and myrrh. After the wise men had knelt at the manger, he tells us, they opened their treasures to select these special offerings for the newborn Babe of Bethlehem.

To the modern mind, gold is instantly recognizable as a treasure, but the value of frankincense and myrrh is not so readily apparent. Actually, frankincense and myrrh were costly items in the time of Christ, and they are still costly. Both are resins used in making incense, surviving today at many a Christian altar.

As further evidence that frankincense and myrrh were precious treasures, worthy gifts for an Infant King, there is the old poem which expressed the ancient belief that "incense owns a deity nigh."

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The Danes tuck into a meal of steak, boiled potatoes and specially prepared beets and cucumbers. Rice pudding with whipped cream replaces our plum pudding on the Danish dinner table.

A German Christmas dinner usually consists of chicken soup, duck or goose with apple stuffing and red cabbage boiled with apples, vinegar and salt.

In sunny Jamaica, a traditional Christmas dinner includes egg nog, pepperpot soup, lobster curry or codfish and ackee (a native dish), yams, fried plantain, sweet corn fritters and avocado pear salad.

To the Christian Japanese, Christmas dinner means sukiyaki, boiled octopus and rice cakes, but whatever the nationality and whatever the weather, it seems that good food is one of the key features of Yuletide

At this season of joy and happiness, we wish you a Merry Christmas. May your gladness be everlasting!
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CHRISTMAS Message

PEACE ON EARTH

By L. N. Scholl, Interim Pastor Emmaus Luther Church.

The celebration of Christmas in our world always seems to be a contradiction in terms. For the Christmas message of "peace on earth, good will toward men" strikes a discord in a world torn and divided by hot and cold conflicts, guerrilla warfare, rebel armies, and concrete walls. That we should sing "Noel" at a time when international peace seems to be hanging by a thread requires some fancy mental footwork, indeed.

To commemorate Christmas in a world such as this involves some grave personal dangers. To catch the spirit of Christmas in our day almost implies mental dishonesty. For it means that you must close your mind to cold, hard reality, and be transported into a utopian dreamworld - a fantasy of love, peace, and good will to all men. It means that men for a time declare a truce on the jealousies, the hatreds, the bitterness and the backbiting, the rivalry and the slander. But when the Yuletide has passed, it's back to the old "every-man-for-himself" grind once more. This kind of good will among men is not only mentally dishonest; it's downright hypocritical.

There's a saying to the effect that there will never be peace on earth until men are at peace with God. Christians need to be reminded of this too. For we aren't above the evils of ill will harboured against one another. And every jealousy, every bitterness, every bit of idle gossip, indeed, every act of lovelessness we display to fellow man cries out that we are not yet fully at peace with God.

Christians, therefore, need to hear the Christmas Gospel again and again. For God sent His eternal Son to be born in human flesh that He might establish His rule of peace in our hearts. The peace and good will that the angels proclaim at the birth of Christ are God's peace and good will toward man. The warfare is over for the Messiah has come to do precisely what His name "Jesus" really means: to "save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). Thus He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities; He bore the thunderbolts of God's wrath against us; He suffered and died, and with His precious blood, He paid the full ransom for our sins that He might set us free from the captivity of the damned and restore once more PEACE between us and our God.

It is from this peace between God and man that peace among men derives and flows. There can be no bitterness, no hatred, no jealousy, no backbiting, slander or loveless-ness at the foot of the cross. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." I John 4:11.

May this holy season fill you once more with a joyous exper experience of the peace and the love that this Christ-Child brings from God. And then your commemoration of Christmas will not be a sham or a mockery. It will be genuine, and it will be real. For this peace and love that comes from God always inspires in the hearts of those who believe, peace and love for one another.

the Spirit of Christmas

May the world rejoice again in the spirit of the season.

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Early Roman Had 'Practical' View On Gift Giving

"Christmas is getting too commercial!"

This modern complaint, while it may have force, is somewhat lacking in originality.

"I hate the crafty arts of giving presents," said the witty Roman poet Martial, who lived and wrote from about 40 to 104 A.D. "Gifts are like hooks."

His complaint was expressed in a series of poems written for a wealthy patron, at the time of the Saturnalia, the pagan festival from which came many Christmas customs.

Martial, however, was not always averse to presents. After listing a large number of small gifts, such as toothpicks, figs, napkins, which had been delivered to him, he pointed out that it would have been much easier for the messenger to bring him "five pounds of silver plate."

Christmas Joy

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Pictured above are some of the FMHS Warriors who will be leaving Sunday, December 26th for Milk River to take part in the 12th Annual Knights of Columbus B-Boys Tournament. Top row, left to right- Stan Luchak, Rolf deGeest, Louis Balen, Jim Cathrea, Pat Hurley and captain, Larry Metelski. Other players going are Ken Bureyko, Brian Luchak and Doug Rennie. The team would like to thank the citizens of the community who supported the bottle drive, the Boy Scout Association who backed the drive and the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Drayton Valley who generously donated financial support to the trip. Win or lose, the members of the community may be assured that the boys will endeavor to represent the area in a truly worthy fashion.

First U.S. Carol

First Christmas carol composed in the United States was the work of an 18th century leather worker named William Billings, reports The Book of Knowledge. A tanner by trade but a tunesmith by inclination, Billings composed the carol, "A Virgin Unspotted."

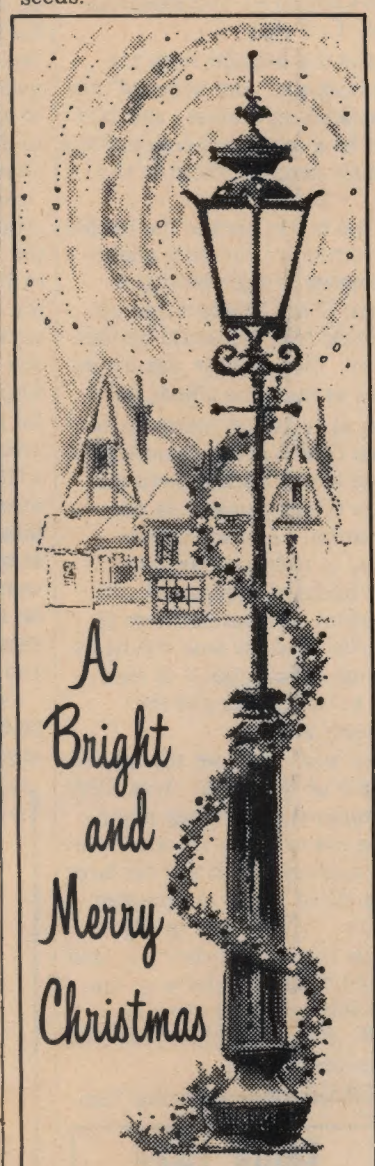
The song isn't one that is still sung, and few hymnals now include it, but carol singers today owe William Billings a considerable debt of gratitude.

During Puritan times in England, the singing of carols and, indeed, the whole celebration of Christmas, was banned. The Puritan-minded American colonies followed suit.

It was William Billings, more than any other individual, who managed to persuade the Puritan New England settlers that singing songs at Christmas wasn't sinful.

"NIGHT OF CAKES"

In Ireland, Christmas Eve is often called the Night of Cakes. This name is based on the custom, still practiced, of baking special Christmas Eve cakes spiced with caraway seeds.



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CHRISTMAS Message

PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
Rev. L. Kokot

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. - Luke 2:7

One might excuse the people of Bethlehem for their unpreparedness at the coming of Christ if the prophets had not foretold that He would be born there. Of course it was a busy town at the time Christ was born as it always seems to be when God is doing something great in our midst, there are other things demanding our attention. And so He who came to redeem man must first become acquainted with a stable, and has nowhere to lay His head because the heart of man is fast closed to Him, and so our homes and the hostelry as well.

But what shall we say for the people of Nazareth? Was there no room there? When beginning His ministry He read from the book of Isaiah and declares it is He of whom the prophet spoke. "They rose up and thrust Him out of the city, and led Him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast Him down headlong."

Nor was there room for Him in the country of the Gadarenes; for when He had cast out a legion of devils from a man who was a burden and menace to society, they prayed Jesus to depart from out of their coasts.

No room for Him in the temple because it had become the place of commerce and ecclesiastical blood lines had the authority there that God would have. And Jerusalem, the city from when He would ultimately reign had no room for Him either, for they cried "Away with Him, we will not have this man to rule over us." And what seems most tragic of all, a church supposed to be engaged in worshipping Jesus has so much on their program that He stands outside knocking on the door and asking to be admitted.

One may point out all the failures of those who were responsible for sin as well. We celebrate His birthday but do we want Him? There seems to be no room for Him on our Christmas cards. How much room will He find in our town; in our homes and hearts this Christmas? Among the tinsel and celebrations, the busyness and responsibility of life, we too can be too occupied with our selfish ways to pay any heed to a Christ oft rejected.

And yet while there was no room in Bethlehem or Jerusalem and a church whose door was closed to the Saviour, room could have been made: but man was not willing. Like men today, when confronted with the privilege of welcoming the Son of God they treated Him as an intruder. Will you make room for Him this Christmas? This is what He asks of each one of us.

Thou didst leave they throne and thy kingly crown when Thou camest to earth for me; but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room for thy holy nativity: O come to my heart Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee.

MOON LAKE NEWS

Barbara Schenk, Correspondent

Joe Burki attended the F.U.A. Convention held in Edmonton last week and we will be hearing his report at the next meeting.

Correction: We decided at our meeting to add one number to the Jackpot Straight Bingo each month until the Jackpot of $250 is won. Next month it will be won on the first six numbers in a straight line or 4 corners.

David Schenk came home from Romanchuk's camp at Elk River December 10th for a few hours. While there he went hunting one day and heard and smelled a lot of Elk but couldn't see them for the thick alders. Then he got lost, but managed to find his way back. He has a good start on a beard and says he's not going to shave until spring

Mr. Wall left on Monday the 13th for Lethbridge. We went to see "Canada's Mountain Wilderness" by Edgar Jones with our neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lang and family on Saturday, December 11th. We enjoyed it very much and thought it was well worth going to Wabamun to see. It drew a packed house.

Founder of Red Cross

Clara Barton, Civil War nurse, was born on Christmas Day in 1821. It was her warm thoughts of Christmas that led her, when she set off to visit her brother, a prisoner during the Civil War, to offer to take presents not only to him but to the prisoner relatives of all her Oxford, Mass., neighbors.

Subsequently, Clara Barton was instrumental in founding the American Red Cross

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Lodgepole - Town Office - 1st Tuesday of every month 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Wildwood - West End Motel - 4th Thursday of each month 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Mackay - Nurses Cottage - 4th Wednesday of each month 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Peers School - 2nd Tuesday of each month, 10:30 to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.
Edson - Health Unit Office in the Civic Centre at 6th and Main, every Friday 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Robb School - 1st Tuesday of each month 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Marlboro School - 2nd Wednesday of each month 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Hinton - Health Unit Office - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Hinton - Athabasca Valley Hotel - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3:30.
Brule School - 3rd Wednesday of each month 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Grande Cache School - By arrangement.

Peace on Earth

As the joy, light and love of this Christmas season, radiate their blessings upon all, we sincerely wish our good friends in the community a holiday filled with life's most treasured gifts.

Management and Staff

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Drayton Valley

CHRISTMAS Message

CHRIST'S CHRISTMAS
Christian Reformed Church

"Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12.

One of the most striking contrasts in the Christmas story is that between the field and the stable. The field is filled with light, song and glory. An angelic host sings of "Glory to God in the Highest" and of "peace on earth." But in the stable there is no radiance, but darkness and poverty and loneliness. No doctor to assist in that supreme hour when motherhood deserves the best of care. No layette of of proper garments provided in advance; no money to buy them; no friends to give them. Oh the poverty of it all.

No, the stable was not what poets and painters have made it to be. On Christmas cards we usually see the Holy Family joyful and radiant as they bend over an immaculate Infant, while carefully curried animals stand at a respectful distance in a clean and spacious stable. But this is not a true picture. The stable in which Jesus was born was in all likelihood a dirty stable - a stable over-crowded with the beasts of the men who overcrowded the inn of the city. And there, with all the stench of tired, sweaty and unwashed animals - there apart even from primitive decency, the Son of Man was born. This is the real stable where Jesus was born. The filthiest place in the world was the first room of the only pure man ever born of a woman. Luke was not trying to paint a lovely scene in warm colors when he told us of the stable. He knew what eastern stables were, and he mentions it to record the absolute lowliness of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Someone has put it this way: "God wants us to see at Bethlehem the utter depth of shame and misery and disgrace to which He had to stoop in order to lift us out of our sin. It was as though He were saying to us: by your sin you have made this whole world into a stable, where men produce filth and wallow in it, and I have to come down to this to save you from it." This is the true meaning of Christmas.

Heavenly Father, help us to realize how deeply Christ humbled Himself in order that He might raise us to the highest heights of heaven. Make us eternally grateful for so wonderful a Savior and so great a salvation. Amen

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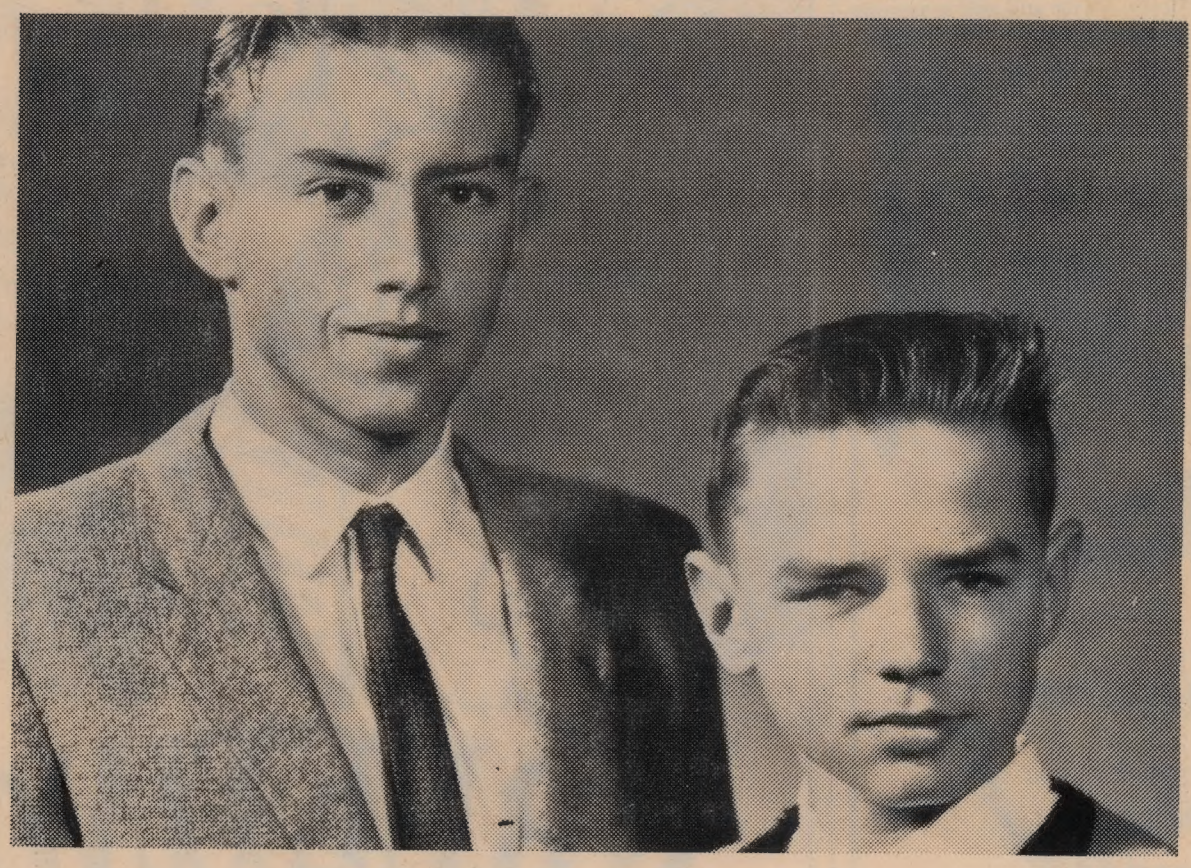

When their father entered a Calgary hospital several months ago, David and Duane Linklater proved themselves sons to be proud of! They took over the duties of milking seven cows, and the care of other farm animals — and still kept up their marks in school.

Mrs. Linklater suffers from arthritis, and the boys baked twenty loaves of bread each week, made the family meals and helped her with other household duties. David is fifteen years old, and Duane is thirteen.

Their youngest sister Kathie cannot walk. The two boys carry her everywhere, showing patience and understanding.

The boys still find time for the East Lacombe 4-H Beef Club, and are active in many sports.

We congratulate David and Duane Linklater. Our thanks to Alberta's Weekly Newspaper Editors for their active co-operation in the Alberta Junior Citizen of the Year program, sponsored by Alberta's investor-owned electric utility companies.

This is one of a series of Junior Citizen Award announcements. Our special thanks to Tom Ford, Editor of the Lacombe Globe and to David and Duane's nominator, Mrs. J. Linklater of Clive.

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Cooking Magic

NEW YEAR'S EVE BUFFET

Party Punch

Combine, mixing until the sugar is dissolved:
2 cups apple juice
1 cup cranberry juice
1 cup orange juice
2 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tbsp. sugar

Stir in, a drop or two at a time, until mixture is of desired color:
Red food coloring

Just before serving stir in
1 cup gingerale.

Pour over ice cubes, stirring until mixture is well chilled. Makes 12 punch cup servings.

Tuna Tetrazzini
6 tbsp. chopped onion
2 tbsp. salad oil
2 cans condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 can water
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 cans tuna
2/3 cup ripe olives, chopped
2 tbsp. parsley, chopped
2 tsp. lemon juice
Pinch each of thyme and marjoram
½ lb. spaghetti

Saute onion in salad oil. Add soup, water and cheese. Flake tuna into bite size pieces and add to the sauce with the olives. Heat mixture thoroughly without breaking up tuna pieces. Season with parsley, lemon juice, thyme and marjoam. Cook the spaghetti and mix with sauce and pour into greased 3 quart casserole. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Curried Meat Balls with Rice
1½ lbs. ground beef
1/4 cup soft bread crumbs
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
½ cup finely minced onion
½ tsp. thyme
3 tbsp. butter
2 tbsp. flour
2 cups consomme
½ cup tomato past
1 tbsp. curry powder dissolved in 2 tbsp. hot water

Blend first six ingredients together thoroughly and shape the mixture into small balls, about 2 tbsp. to a ball. Saute until evenly browned in 3 tbsp. butter. Blend in the flour and gradually add the consomme and remaining ingredients. Cover tightly and simmer for 1 hour on automatic top burner set at 220° F.

Fluffy Baked Rice
2 cups raw or regular rice
4 cups boiling water
1/4 cup butter or margarine
2 tsp. salt

About 45 minutes before serving start heating oven to 350°F. In 3 quart casserole combine all ingredients and bake covered for 30 minutes, or until rice is tender. Fluff up with fork; sprinkle with minced parsley. Serves 8.

Lime Vegetable Salad
1 pkg. lime jelly powder
2 cups warm water
3/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. paprika

Dissolve jelly powder in the warm water and add seasoning. Prepare and add when the jelly is about to set:
½ cup finely diced cucumber
½ cup finely diced celery
½ cup finely diced unpeeled radish
½ cup diced green pepper

Pour into well oiled mold. Chill thoroughly. Unmold on bed of greens. Serves 6.

Pineapple Cream Slices
Graham Wafer Crust:
14 graham wafers
½ cup sugar
1/4 cup melted butter
½ tsp. cinnamon

Pack into bottom of pan about ½ inch thick. Bake at 350°F. for 15 minutes or until pale brown.

Filling:
1/4 cup butter
1 well beaten egg
1½ cups icing sugar, sifted

Cream together and put on top of crust. Drain a can of crushed pineapple overnight. Whip ½ pint whipping cream; add pineapple and spread on top. Sprinkle crumbs on top. Refrigerate at least 8 hours or more before serving.

Until about 565 A.D.., the use of evergreens for decorations at Christmas was forbidden by church authorities.

A CHILD WAS BORN

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GREETINGS

To all the messages of good cheer that ring out during this holiday season, we'd like to add our own, wishing you a very merry Christmas. May you find an abundance of the real joys of Christmas filling your heart and home, bringing you peace and contentment.

The Members of Town Council and Town Staff

Town of Drayton Valley

The tree is trimmed, the presents are here ... now find out if your Christmas wishes have come true! Ours did ... we have the nicest customers there are! Many thanks.

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CHRISTMAS Message

As you leaf through the ges of this edition of the Western Review, all of you will be deeply conscious that you are once again engulfed in the season of Christmas. If nothing else does it, surely the tangible symbols of the time will assault you on every side -- tree, gifts, and lights. Of course, no matter how weary we become, most of us welcome this magic time. We know it as a season of goodwill and of joy; of overflowing sentiment and the free-flowing cup; of gift-giving and party-giving. In almost all our homes, there is more food than we can eat, more goodies than we can digest easily, and more extraneous loot than we can comfortably store. An outside, a stranger from Asia or from Africa, would marvel at our "Christian" Christmas. His overwhelming impression would be one of unbelievable abundance and largess.

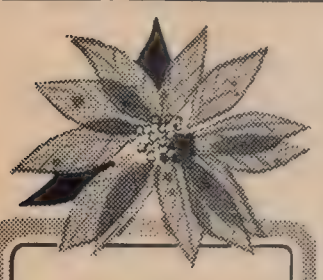
It strikes me that in this setting of abundance and plenty, the essence of truly "keeping Christmas" cannot be found only in enthusiastic exchange of sentimental good wishes, either by word of mouth or by card and gift. Nor can it be found solely in the religious observance of the season, important as this should be to the Christian. After all, religious observance going to Church - is often an escape from the real demands of love. This is especially so when religious observance is not matched by a Christian attitude carried out into the secular world.

The time has come when much more needs to be said about the proper way of "Christmas keeping" for people in our situation of affluence and abundance. My own growing conviction is that we can keep Christmas only by the practice of sharing and giving in much more radical ways than before. And I am not talking about the giving of gifts to dear friends, who will no doubt give to us in an equally handsome manner. My mind dwells increasingly on the really needy, the distressed two-thirds of the world's population whose Christmas - and whose everyday - is a hungry and cheerless eternity.

The channels of such "Christmas keeping" are already set up, waiting for Christians with the heart and determination to give up some of their money to use them. Every Church has special funds earmarked for the relief of the distressed throughout the world; there is CARE, the Save the Children Fund, and various plans for supporting refugee children such as the Foster Parents' Plan and the Christian Children's Fund. Undoubtedly there are a dozen instruments of world hunger relief for every one that I have mentioned. Use the one of your choice or several of them. But let us begin to take the plight of the world's hungry seriously as a problem requiring our personal action, and begin to divert to them some of the largess from our tables and from under our trees. I suspect that until a few thousand more Christians start to do this, all our carol services and pageants and softly lit trees and sumptuous banquets are going to be an affront to the Lord and a mockery of His will for us.

My Christmas wish for all of you who take the time to read this column is a strange one, at first sight. I wish you the gift of divine disturbance. I pray that you are bothered by the lushness and 'much'-ness of your Christmas. May you have an uneasy conscience this year, and some second thoughts about the self-centeredness of your celebration. And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ prod you to seek out a way, or ways, of sharing your experience of this Feast of Love with those across the river and around the world who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Sincerely,
James J. Strachan



Plant Wins Yule Favor

One plant particularly favored at Christmas in the United States and Canada is the poinsettia. The holiday colors of this green shrub with its star-shaped red clusters make it an appropriate symbol of the season.

If it had not been for the interest of an American diplomat, Dr. Joel Poinsett of Charleston, S. C., the poinsettia might never have attained popularity. Serving as the first U. S. minister to Mexico in 1828, Dr. Poinsett discovered this tropical plant.

Impressed with its beauty, he brought it back to the United States and introduced it into cultivation. Later, the plant was named the "poinsettia" in his honor.

Albert Ecke, a California farmer, developed and improved the plant, and first marketed it in 1906. Since then, it has become a favorite Yuletide decoration.

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Perry Mason And The Inn Keeper

A Christmas Nightmare With A Moral

Characters in order of their apparition:
Judge
Ben Judah, a Bethlehem Inn Keeper.
Counsel for the Prosecution
David, Ben Judah's servant
Counsel for the Defense.
Us, perhaps.

Scene: A Court Room like nothing on earth.

Judge: Mr. Ben Judah, you are charged with gross inhospitality to the King of Kings in that in the year all the world went to be taxed under Caesar Augustus, you refused accomodation at your hotel to Joseph and Mary of Nazareth. How do you plead?

Ben Judah: Not Guilty my Lord.

Judge: You may proceed Mr. Prosecutor.

Counsel for the Prosecution: I call on David, stable boy at the Traveller's Rest Inn, Bethlehem.

David is sworn in and takes the stand.

Prosecuting Counsel: Now David, are you acquainted with Mr. Ben Judah?

David: Yes, I've worked my fingers to the bone for him for many a month. Real slave driver, he is ....

Counsel for the Defence: Objection.

Judge: Sustained. (To clerk) You will strike that remark from the records. (To David) You will confine yourself to simple answers to the question in future.

Prosecuting Counsel: Tell us what happened on the night the man Joseph and his wife Mary came to the Inn.

David: Ben Judah says to me, "There's no room for no more in the inn. Tell them to try at old Abraham's place down on the corner."

Prosecutor: He refused to let them stay at the inn then?

David: That's right. Real mean old buzzard he is, and....

Counsel for the Defence: Objection.

Judge: Sustained. (To David) I'm not going to warn you again.

Prosecutor: And then what happened?

David: Well the lady - the one sitting on the donkey - she says, "Please, isn't there anywhere we can stay, I'm so tired," and she begins to ball like. You could see she'd about had it.

Prosecutor: And did your master let them have a bed in the hotel then?

David: Are you kidding? "Take 'em round to the barn" he says, "I've had enough for one day," and he slams the door in their faces

Prosecutor: Thankyou. Your witness Counsellor.

Counsel for the Defence: David, on the night in question is it true that you were under notice to be dismissed for stealing?

Counsel for the Prosecution: Objection. That question is incompetent, irrelevant and completely immaterial.

Defence Counsel. (To judge) On the contrary, Your Honour, I intend to establish bias in this witness.

Judge: Objection over ruled. You may proceed Mr. Counsellor.

Defence Counsel: Answer the question David.

David: Well, er, I suppose I did borrow one or two things occasionally.

Defence Counsel: I put it to you that in actual fact you stole from your master every object that was not actually nailed down and.....

Prosecuting Counsel: Objection. Counsel is leading the witness.

Defence Counsel: I withdraw my remakrs. Is it true, David that your master had already forgiven you five times?

David: I suppose so.

Defence Counsel: Now about this evening we have been discussing. Was the town of Bethlehem crowded?

David: You can say that again. Talk about Silent Night. Everyone had come home to be taxed, see? I think them taxes are wick.....

Defence Counsel: Never mind. Was the inn then actually full up?

David: Yes, but.....

Defence Counsel: Was it usual for your master to turn away guests?

David: He'd have put Satan himself up for the night so long as he paid in advance.

Judge: Silence in the court. (To David) That will do young man.

Defence Counsel: Was it usual for him to make up a bed in the stable for travellers?

David: No.

Defence Counsel: In other words he went to great lengths to accomodate his guests would you not say?

David: (No answer)

Defence Counsel: I have no further questions of this witness.

Prosecutor. I have no further witnesses to call, but at this time I wish to remind you that the general public has for centuries agreed that the innkeeper was greatly to blame, and by his lack of hospitality missed a wonderful opportunity of going down in history as the man who was kind to Jesus on His birthday.

Defence Counsel: I intend to show that he did no such thing, and at this time I wish to put Mr. Ben Judah himself on the stand.

Ben Judah is sworn in.

Defence Counsel: I believe your Inn is nearly always quite full, is that correct?

Ben Judah: Yes sir, we have a number of regular customers.

Defence Counsel: Were you full on the night in question?

Ben Judah: Full right up. It was the tax time you know.

Defense Counsel: Could you have found a place for this couple if you'd known the circumstances?

Ben Judah: Not without turning one of the earlier guests out of his room, and I didn't like to do that. In fact I don't think the King of Kings would have wanted me to break that sort of contract for His sake.

Defense Counsel: This stable which you gave them to stay the night in - was it comfortable?

Ben Judah: Well, it was warm and clean, and sheep and cows are better company than some human beings you know.

Defence Counsel: I have no further questions.

Prosecuting Counsel: I should like to cross examine this man Now sir, do you or do you not deny that you refused to give the King of Kings a place to stay in your hotel?

Ben Judah: I gave Him the best I had at the time, and later when I knew who he was, I gave Him the whole of myself, my inn and my life. I was among the five hundred who saw Him alive again after He rose. Have you given yourself to Him Mr. Prosecutor?

Prosecutor: I object to that question. I am not on trial here.

Judge: On the contrary, the birth of Jesus Christ puts us all on trial. This is a very pertinent subject and I for one would like to see it pursued.

Ben Judah: I have been accused of refusing to take the Son of God into my house. Is He in your house Mr. Prosecutor?

Prosecutor: (Pulling a piece of paper out of his pocket and reading a prepared statement rapidly). I have a high regard for the spirit of Christmas, I send my children to Sunday School sometimes, I even used to go myself, my Christmas decorations are the most elaborate in my block, I never cheated anyone who didn't cheat me first. I even go to church when my other commitments allow me to do so, I'm not a hypocrite like so many of .....

Judge: What commitments Mr. Prosecutor?

Prosecutor: I have my skiing and golf and I often work late on Saturday nights and have to make up for it on Sunday mornings. A busy man like myself has to get enough sleep. Then again weekends are the only time I have for recreation with my family. One can go overboard on this religion business you know. Christmas is all very well of course. It's the Children's Festival I always say, and the Christmas spirit certainly does improve business but .....

Judge: The Christmas Baby was nailed to a cross by adults Mr. Prosecutor.

Prosecutor: Don't lets get morbid Your Honour. This is Christmas time. The manger, shepherds, holly, Santa, staff parties and Good Cheer, cash registers, er I mean Christmas bells ringing, carols, candle light, beautiful, beautiful beautiful. Why oh why didn't He stay a baby. It's not fair. I try to ignore the rest of it, I try not to think about it, but sometimes when things aren't going..... Ahem, excuse me You Honour. However, as I was saying, who is on trial here anyway?

Judge: That is fairly obvious, Counsel. Charge dismissed.

- Hugh Maclure -

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By Honorable E.C. Manning

I am grateful for this opportunity to once more extend warm and sincere greetings for a very happy Christmas to each and every citizen of Alberta.

On this annual festive occasion we open our hearts and homes to loved ones and friends and the warmth of fellowship and good will produces a glow that lingers long in our memories. At such a time, let us not forget the many whose lot is less fortunate than our own. Let us give a prominent place in our thoughts and our prayers to the hungry and destitute and homeless throughout the earth and especially to those who will spend this Christmas under the yoke of oppression, no matter what form it may take.

We are commemorating the birthday of the One who came that men might have life and have it more abundantly. Let us not be content merely to recognize that this is so but let us apply ourselves to these efforts which by His grace will establish the blessings of a truly Christian civilization for all men everywhere. Only then can we say that we have taken a step towards the literal fulfilment of the Christmas message of genuine peace on earth and goodwill towards men.

Again, sincere best wishes, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, and may this Christmas Day be a joyous occasion that you will look back on with pleasant memories for many years to come.

Cards Tell Of Changes

The tradition of exchanging Christmas cards is a charming part of the joyous holiday, and it has a history of its own.

One of the most interesting parts of that history is the way that greeting cards serve to record changing social customs, manners and fashions through the years, points out Miss Esther Mooney, curator of the Norcross, Inc., greeting card collection.

For instance, an English card of 1892 shows the formality existing between parents and children during the Victorian era. Here, a little girl kneels solemnly at her mother's knee, sedately offering her a Christmas bouquet, with the wish, "May your life be a Merry Christmas."

Modern cards take a livelier, more light-hearted approach. Even earlier, greeting cards began to reflect an easier sort of filial relationship. Declares a 1930 card: "3 cheers 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!"

W. S. Morrison -- District Agriculturist
Stan McArthur -- Agricultural Fieldman

Farmstead Shelterbelts

We are in the midst of cutting down trees by the thousands to clear land for cultivation, yet substantial trees and shelterbelts around the farmstead serve many purposes.

A windbreak is becoming more and more important as the years pass and more land is opened up. A windbreak will control the wind from driving down on the farm buildings, will provide shelter for livestock, and will act as a snow fence, holding snow off of driveways and around buildings. A shelterbelt moderates extreme temperatures of heat and cold, accumulates moisture from melting snows, and puts a check on evaporation, leaving more moisture for gardens, small fruits and flowers. It provides a natural cover for wildlife, such as birds. Beautification is an important factor in shelterbelts, converting barren land and buildings into something of beauty, pleasing to the eye and adding colour and security to the entire farmstead.

Now is the time to start your shelterbelt. The Provincial Department of Agriculture will assist farmers in a good substantial shelterbelt by supplying trees free of charge. There are, however, a few stipulations to consider before applying. The applicant must pay the freight from the nursery to the delivery point; the ground on which the trees are to be planted must be summerfallowed at least one year previous to planting; the land must be free from couch grass and other weeds; and the applicant must be the owner of the land.

Keep your shelterbelt planting at least 100 feet from any buildings due to snow drifting and amount of light let into the buildings by the shelterbelt, also spacious enough to keep the farmstead from becoming compact and hard to move around traffic wise.

Application forms and other information is available from the two offices in Evansburg and the office at Stony Plain.

Brand Renewals

Mr. L. Brinkhurst reports that approximately 37,000 cattle and about 4,000 horse brands are being used in Alberta at present. So far, this year, 1,300 new cattle brands have been registered and some 290 transferred. During the same period approximately 100 new horse brands were issued and 20 transferred.

There are a considerable number of registered cattle and horse brands in this area and we wish to mention a few reminders. Brands come up for renewal every four years. People who change addresses and do not notify the Brand Recorder of this run the risk of not receiving a renewal notice and thereby having their brand cancelled. If you have a registered brand and have received a renewal, return the renewal application promptly if you wish to maintain your brand without any complication.

Mr. Brinkhurst informs us that between September and December of 1965, 9,000 cattle brands and 1,000 horse brand renewals have been sent out. If you are considering applying for a registered brand, general information and application forms are available from the offices in Evansburg and Stony Plain.

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Across the centuries, man has looked to music to express his happy feelings at Christmas time.

From the medieval "Hayl, Mary, ful of grace" and "Mervele noght, Josep" to the modern "White Christmas" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," songs have been a favorite part of Christmas celebrations.

In the tradition of Christmas music, there are simple carols, blending reverent wonder with quiet joy — Martin Luther's "Away in a Manger," for instance, or the mid-nineteenth century hymns, "It Came upon a Midnight Clear," "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

There are merry songs, celebrating the jolly mood of the Yuletide, such as the time-honored "Deck the Halls," or the modern "Rudolph" and "Frosty the Snowman."

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About Trees . . .

On the night Christ was born, legend says, all the trees burst into bloom. Thus began many stories about the Christmas tree.

Early folk tales described a huge tree in the midst of a forest. The tree held many candles, some straight, some upside down. At the top was an infant with a halo around his head.

It was believed that the tree represented humanity. The candles, up and down, symbolized people, good and bad. The infant was the Christ Child.

Omens Dim Yule Spirit

"Merry" Christmas? Not always, according to some ancient beliefs once associated with the day.

Take, for instance, the old belief that cattle and other stable animals were given the power of speech on Christmas Eve.

Any person who heard the animals speak would die within a year, so superstition said.

Somber omens of death were read into still other Yuletide legends. When the Yule log burned, bystanders were told to watch the shadows on the walls. If the shadows of any persons appeared to be headless, this supposedly meant death for those persons, again within a year.

Salt was also said to have the power of forecasting life or death, when used in connection with Christmas. The test could be made by leaving a small mound of salt on the table on Christmas Eve. If the salt melted during the night, that, too, meant death within 12 months.

If the salt remained unmelted, the forecast was for a long and healthy life.

JACK HORNER PLUM CAKE

Yield - 2 cakes.

1 cup milk
½ cup granulated sugar
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup butter or margarine
½ cup lukewarm water
2 teaspoons granulated sugar
2 envelopes fast-rising active dry yeast
2 eggs, beaten
5½ cups (about) pre-sifted all purpose flour
1 jar (9 ounces) plum jam
½ cup raisins
1/3 cup chopped pecans
Melted butter or margarine
Sugar

Scald milk; add ½ cup sugar, salt, margarine or butter. Cool to lukewarm.

Meantime, measure lukewarm water into a large mixing bowl; stir in 2 teaspoons sugar. Sprinkle yeast on top. Let stand 10 minutes, then stir well. Stir in lukewarm milk mixture, beaten eggs and 3 cups of flour; beat until smooth. Stir in enough additional flour to make a soft dough (about 2½ cups more). Turn out onto lightly floured board. Knead until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl, turning to grease top. Cover; let rise in a warm place, free from draft, until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour.

Meanwhile, mix together plum jam, raisins and pecans. Set aside. Punch down dough. Divide in half. On a lightly floured board, roll out half of dough into an 8 x 20 inch rectangle. Spread half of filling over dough. Roll up like a jelly roll to make a 20-inch long roll; seal edges. Place in a greased 9-inch ring mold. Repeat with remaining dough and filling.

Let rise, uncovered, as before until doubled in bulk, about 45 minutes. Bake in preheated moderate oven (350 deg. F.) about 30 minutes or until done. Brush top with melted margarine or butter and sprinkle with sugar.

Many old German mining terms originating in Saxony have been adopted in other languages.

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The Spirit of Christmas

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As we gather together on Christmas morn, to hear once again the story of the birth of the Christ child, we value more than ever the good will of our loyal patrons. To you, sincerely, "Thank you."

DRAYTON DELICATESSEN

Drayton Valley

'Noah's Ark' Disappears from Holiday Scene

By ANNA MANG

Where there are children, this holiday season, there's usually a Christmas tree — brightly lighted, gaily decorated, its fragrant branches bending low over a veritable "Toyland" of gifts from Santa's lavish pack.

These days, the variety of toys to enchant, entertain and instruct the youngsters is practically limitless. The toy pack holds, it seems, everything and anything that a lucky child might see in his dreams.

A century or so ago, the picture was very different. Even the Christmas tree itself was not as likely to be a part of the holiday scene. Around the middle of the nineteenth century, the Sunday school movement had begun to popularize the idea of family Christmas trees, but a tree at home was still not something a child would take for granted.

As for the toys, under the tree or not, the usual gift might be only one toy, and that one not a toy that modern children would recognize.

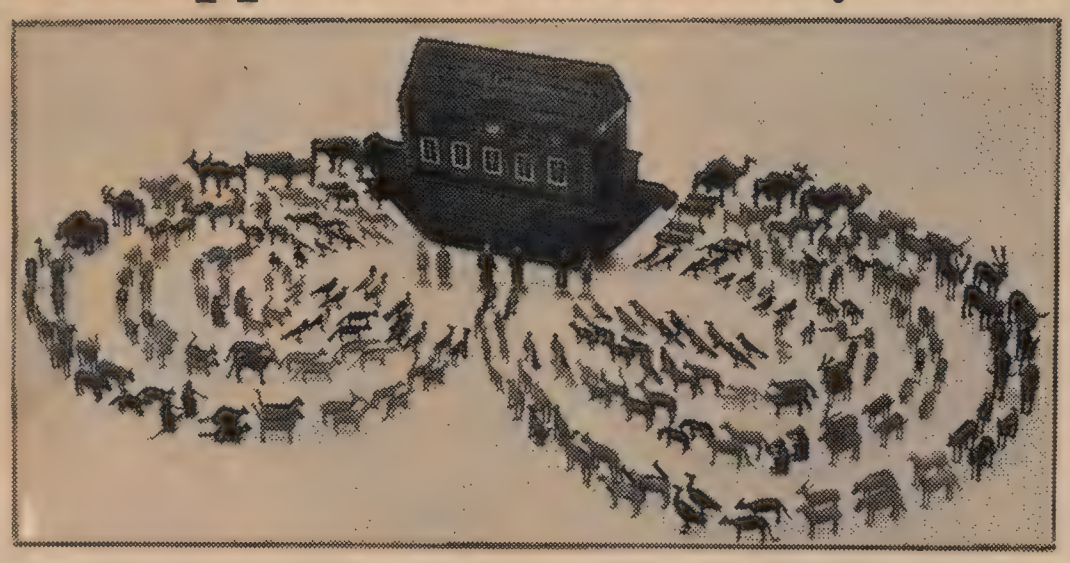
This is not to say, however, that nineteenth century children were to be pitied.

In a single toy, the "Noah's Ark" then highly prized as a special occasion gift, nineteenth century children found entertainment in great variety.

Today the Noah's Ark has disappeared from the wonder world of toys, but in the days of its popularity, nearly every home with children also housed a Noah's Ark in some form, however modest.

Like modern toys, the Ark was available in many versions, from the simple to the complex. Basically, this toy consisted of the ark itself, in miniature of course, accompanied by gaily painted wooden figures representing Noah, his family, and animals in pairs.

The more elaborate the toy, the greater was the number of animals included. One nineteenth century Noah's Ark set, now part of the New York Historical Society's collection, includes more than 300 animals. Everything from little birds and domestic cats to elephants, camels, lions and tigers is represented.



ENCHANTMENT AT CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN of the nineteenth century often came in the form of a Noah's Ark, then a highly prized special occasion gift. The set shown here contains more than 300 animals. Photo courtesy of the New York Historical Society, New York City, N. Y.

Source of Song

Among the well-loved Christmas hymns is "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear." The words to this one were written by a Unitarian minister of Weston, Mass., named Edmund H. Sears. Time? Just about a hundred years ago, says the Book of Knowledge.

One melody for this hymn was composed by a Detroit journalist and editor; another melody was adapted from an old British folk tune by a composer better known for his long string of light-hearted operetta hits. This was Sir Arthur Sullivan, of the team of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Christmas cards were first offered "to the trade" by an English publishing house in the 1860's. They carried such designs as jolly old gentlemen (who might have been Santa's forebears), plum puddings, holly and mistletoe.

I.D.B. Loans Total $96.1 Millions in '65

In the 1965 fiscal year ending last September 30th, the Industrial Development Bank authorized 2,209 loans for a total amount of $96.1 million, according to the bank's twenty-first annual report issued December 10th.

On September 30th, IDB had loans outstanding or in the course of disbursement in the amount $296.9 million to 6,691 business enterprises compared with $263.4 million to 6,027 customers at the previous fiscal year-end.

In the bank's annual report, President Louis Rasminsky noted that, as in previous years, more than half the number of IDB loans approved in 1965 were for amounts of $25,000 or less. Loans in excess of $100,000 were approximately 5 per cent of the total loan approvals by number and 30 per cent of the total by amount.

The average size of IDB loans approved in fiscal 1965 was $43,500, about the same as in recent years. The relatively small average size of IDB loans, together with the rise in the number of loan applications and approvals, reflects the continuing financial needs of small business and the special attention that IDB pays to applications from small business, said Mr. Rasminsky.

Manufacturing enterprises, which obtained 36 per cent of the total number of loans, comprised the largest category of IDB customers in the 1965 fiscal year. The next largest category was wholesale and retail trade with 23 per cent.

The $96 million loaned by the bank during the year helped in financing customers' programmes totalling $126 million. The purchase of land, buildings, machinery and equipment made up the major part of these programmes, just over 70 per cent of the total.

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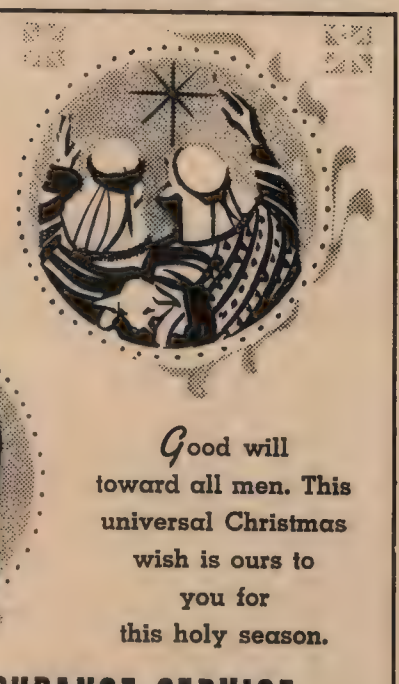

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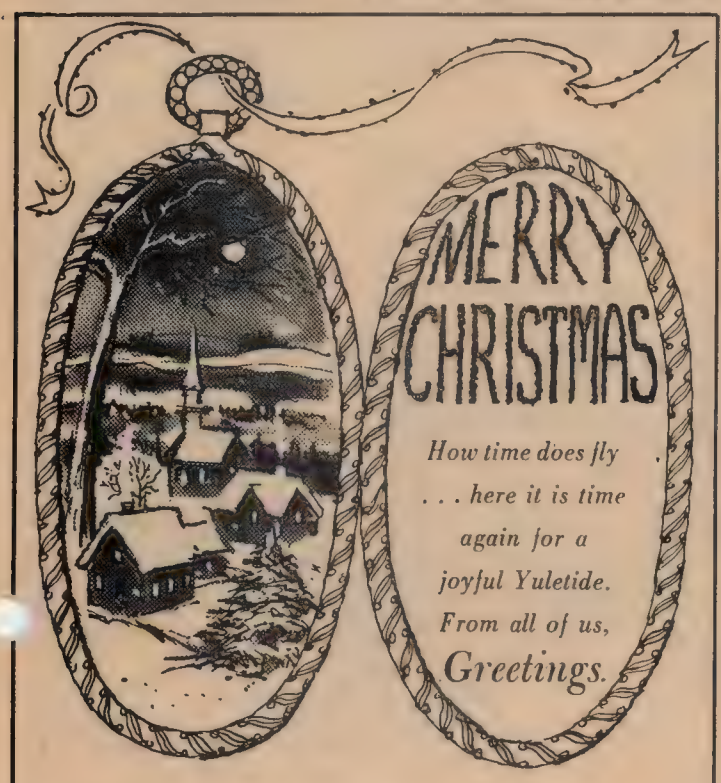

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NATIVITY SCENE IN BAS RELIEF adorns a marble pulpit in the Church of Santa Maria Novella at Florence, Italy. The early-Renaissance work was completed and placed in the church only after a court dispute by two families, both of whom claimed the rights to the pulpit.

Florentine Art Tells Story of Christ Child

In the Dominican church of Santa Maria Novella at Florence, Italy, stands a pulpit of white marble which bears, in bas relief, scenes from the story of Christ's life on earth — the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Presentation in the Temple.

Like many a building in famous Florence, the cradle of the Italian Renaissance, this ancient church is rich in the treasures of art and history, and both art and history combine in the story of the white marble pulpit, a story that lives across the years.

The pulpit first was placed in its present situation, on a column of the west aisle, in 1448. Early Renaissance theories of art are reflected in the bas reliefs. For instance, the Nativity scene presents lifelike figures with the warmth of humanity, rather than the more stylized, ornate forms that a sculptor of an earlier era might have chosen to create.

Families "Feuded"

Full of very human feeling, too, is the story of how the pulpit came to be created — the story of a "feud" between two great families.

The Rucellai family undertook to have the pulpit designed, executed and placed in the church, and Filippo Brunelleschi, the first great architect of the Italian Renaissance, was commissioned to design it.

Brunelleschi is best known for his design of the octagonal ribbed dome of the Florence cathedral. Among his other works are the Pazzi chapel, the churches of San Lorenzo and Santo Spirito and the Pitti Palace, all in Florence.

Designing the pulpit for the Rucellai family may have been one of Brunelleschi's last works, for the Florentine architect died in 1446, two years before the pulpit was completed and placed in the church.

Maestro Lazzaro, history says, was the sculptor chosen to execute Brunelleschi's design.

Claimed Column

Up to this point, there is nothing unusual in the story of the pulpit. It was common in those days for parts of a church to become the "appropriation" of a particular family.

For instance, the chapel within the church of Santa Maria Novella, where the pulpit was to be placed, was the property of the Pasquali family. The Rucellai simply claimed one pillar or column within the chapel, and no objection was recorded by the Pasquali.

The Minerbetti family, however, felt differently. When the pulpit was completed and ready to be put up on the column, representatives of the Minerbetti came forward with the claim that this particular column belonged to them.

Decided in Court

The matter was taken before a court composed of Bishop Antonio of Florence and other judges. The only proof that the Minerbetti could offer to substantiate their claim was that their family arms stood painted over the column.

The court ruled that the Rucellai could place the pulpit in the church, on condition that the Rucellai would remove it whenever the Minerbetti agreed to replace it with a pulpit of equal or greater value.

How was the "feud" decided? What the Minerbetti did is not recorded, but, clearly, one thing they didn't do was to replace the pulpit. Lazzaro's bas reliefs continue to tell their stories of the Christ Child, and in the base of the pulpit, triumphantly placed for all to see, is the coat of arms of the Rucellai family.

In Tudor Times . . .

In England during Tudor times, Christmas celebrations began on All Saints' Day, November 1, and continued until Candlemas, on February 2: "The Lord of Misrule" acted as master of ceremonies at the Yuletide festivities.

Much of the music for all this merrymaking was extemporaneous. Many songs were passed on by word of mouth from generation to generation — songs such as "The Boar's Head Carol," referring to the "boar" or pig which was traditional at the Yule feast, and "The First Nowell."

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CHRISTMAS Message

THEY PRESENTED GIFTS

We find ourselves joining in the singing of carols and turning once again to the Word of God to refresh ourselves on the true spirit and meaning of Christmas. Some parts, or all, of the first couple of chapters in Matthew and Luke's gospel find expression from nearly every pulpit around the world. Varied as men may be in their theology the message of Christmas is a message of peace and Unity. The angel said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to ALL people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

We can all share in the gift which God gave to the world nearly two thousand years ago. Our Christmas celebration is not based on our giving but upon God's gift.

Matthew presents a beautiful picture of the wise men from the East searching for the Messiah. Travelling under the guiding light of the star they arrived in Jerusalem. Here they inquired about the Christ child only to discover Bethlehem was the place of His birth. Notice carefully what the scripture says, "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: "The stress often is placed on the last portion of this verse, "and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh."

We find these men presending their gifts in an act of worship. They were conscious of the One to whom they brought their gifts. Some of our most costly gifts have lost their value in the way in which they were presented. The Ho, Ho, laugh of Santa has robbed many a parent of their childs love and affection. Let us not become "idol" worshippers but let us give our gifts with love and warm affection one for another.

Present gifts - gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These are not the gifts one would expect a child to receive. These were gifts for a King. It was the best they could bring. It seems like our trend today is to present the family circle with costly gifts and to either forget the cause and work of Christ entirely or to bring far from our best to Him. Homer W. Grimes expresses the thought in his hymn, "What shall I give Thee, Master?"

What shall I give Thee, Master? Thou who didst die for me. Shall I give less of what I possess, or shall I give all to Thee? What shall I give Thee, Master? Giver of gifts divine. I will not hold time, talents or gold - For everything shall be Thine. Jesus my Lord and Saviour; Thou hast giv'n all for me; Thou didst leave Thy home above to die on Calvary. What shall I give Thee, Master? Thou hast giv'n all for me; Not just a part or half of my heart, I will give all to Thee.

No doubt by this time you know what gifts you are going to give your friends and loved ones but "What will you give the Master?" The wise men gave Him, first their worship, then they presented Him with their best. May this Christmas find many wise men throughout our world--Will you be one?

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and God's Blessing for the New Year.

Pastor & Mrs. Donald Snell,
Drayton Valley Church of God.

Christmas Service

At 10:30 a.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church, there will be a Christmas Day Worship Service for all who wish to attend. Mr. Eugene Creal a teacher from the Peace River Bible Institute will present music by trumpet solo. There will be readings, joyful congregational singing, and a message entitled, "The Last Grain of Sand."

On Sunday, December 26th a film, "Banderilla" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. The Banderilla is the unique spear used by bull fighters in Spain. This is a film depicting a true story centered around, and revealing the plight of a teen age boy in Spain who desired to live for God. Finding the opposition, coming from his own nation, to be almost more than he could bear, he nearly despaired.... but through Jesus Christ found the answer to his life.

He Invented Toys

Sir Isaac Newton, English phycist, mathematician, philosopher greeted his first Christmas, and his first day, in Lincolnshire, England, in 1642.

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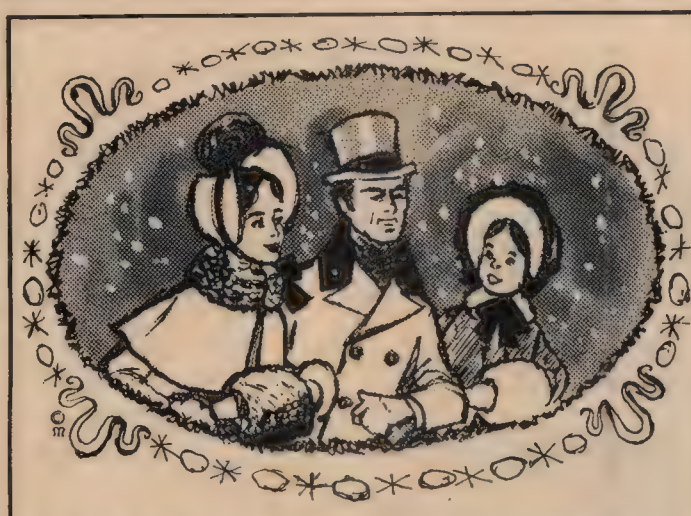

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We want to say a sincere "thank you" to all our great friends and wish them all the laughter, fun and good cheer of this happy holiday season.

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DENTAL CLINIC

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Girl Guides Hold Christmas Concert

Drayton Valley Girl Guide Association presented their Annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 15th.

A silver collection was taken and the proceeds are to be used for worthwhile Christmas projects and food hampers for the needy. This constitutes the Brownie and Guides Christmas Good Turn.

The program was: 1. "Getting Ready for the Christmas Concert" by the Fourth D.V. Brownies Pack. The Guiders being Mrs. K. Peterson and Mrs. Reynolds. 2. "The Christmas Story" by the 1st D.V. Girl Guide Co., the Guiders being Mrs. G. Clark, Mrs. M. Tomaszewski and Mrs. G. Mohn 3. The First Christmas, Christmas in Other Lands by the 3rd D.V. Brownie Pack, the Guiders being Mrs. R. Wickens and Mrs. B. Demers. 4. The Epiphany by the 1st D.V. Ranger Co., the Guiders being Mrs. H. Hammerlindl and Sister Florence.

Special thanks go to Miss Leona Kruger and Sister Edna who helped with the music.

During the evening Mrs. T. Schuman, president of the local association, presented World Pins to Guides, Carol Kruger and Margaret Hammerlindl who have earned their First Class Badge. These two guides have also earned their Little House Emblem.

Carol Kruger was presented her Religion and Life Emblem at the Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 12th. This emblem is presented to Guides who have knowledge, work for, and attend the church of their choice.

greetings

Glad tidings to all. May the message of Christmas bring you joy.

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In Wilmington, N. C., a live oak more than 300 years old is adorned at the Yuletide with colorful ornaments and electric lights. In Indianapolis, Ind., they decorate the 246-foot Soldiers and Sailors Monument with electric candles and stars.

The U.S. National Christmas Tree, officially designated in 1926, is not an evergreen but a giant redwood, located in Kings Canyon National Park, Calif.

This unusual Christmas tree, tree, called the "General Grant," is 3,500 years old.

Many families prefer the "permanent" Christmas tree, often made of aluminum.

Despite all this, the time-tested favorite tree is still the evergreen. Most people, if asked, would probably vote for the "fir tree."

Actually, there are nearly 40 species of the popular fir tree," found in the mountainous regions of Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas and North America.

A frequently-seen Christmas tree variety is the "balsam fir," also called "Canada balsam" or "Balm of Gilead," according to the Encyclopedia Americana. This is one of the most common trees of eastern North America, extending from Virginia and West Virginia in the United States to Labrador and Newfoundland.

The balsam fir may grow to 40 or 50 feet tall. The southern fir is of about the same height and is found in the mountains of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

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D.V. HIGHLIGHTS

By Edith Deby

Death came to Mr. Ludwig Guze, of Ferintosh, formerly of Drayton Valley on December 14th after a long illness. Mr. Guze is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Mahaffey (Elva) and Mrs. Gooler (Edith) of Edmonton, three sons, Otto of Drayton Valley and Ervin and Harold of Ferintosh.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maclure of Toronto are coming to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Getzinger and Dr. and Mrs. Maclure.

Mrs. F. Correll of St. John, New Brunswick, has arrived to spend the winter months with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Ellery. Mrs. Correll has never seen the Rockies so the Ellery's are planning a weekend there during the holidays.

Mrs. Edith Dunnington has started on a series of trips which will occupy most of her winter. She left on Monday morning for Oklahoma. During her absence Mrs. Ted Mastre and family will live in her house.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davies and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Davies in Calgary last weekend.

Mrs. Oscar Sr. was in hospital for a few days on the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Paranteau will spend Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Redlinger at Williams Lake, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Fluker will leave early in the new year for Kansas where Mr. Fluker has been transferred by his company. Congratulations on a splendid promotion, Mr. Fluker. Drayton Valley will miss you both.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mitchell and family are coming to spend Christmas with Mrs. Mitchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Williams. The Mitchells live in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morin of Creston, send greetings to all their Drayton Valley friends.

Mr. William Louth is in the local hospital with pneumonia. Hope you will be better and able to do justice to your Christmas dinner, Mr. Louth.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Davidson's house at Rocky Rapids will be a merry place this Christmas. By Christmas Eve members of the family will be converging on it from all directions. Mrs. Cecil Wall and Mrs. Austin LeBirk and children will be coming from Edmonton. Mrs. Lee is coming from Victoria and the Davidson boys, Jerry and Doug will be home from their jobs in B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Vickrey now living in Kelowna, leave on the weekend for an extended holiday. The children will accompany their parents as far as Los Angeles where Disneyland is the attraction. Later Mr. and Mrs. Vickrey will proceed to Mexico where they will spend two months.

The Dunington Ladies Group concluded a busy year with donations to the T.B., Cerebral Palsy and Muscular Dystrophy Funds. During the winter fortnightly whist parties are held in the Farm Union Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Kehl and Laurie will be at the Clarence Dunington's for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Klevin will be visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Klevin and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood for the long weekend.

Mr. Albert Stordalsvoll will have his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holmes and son, Ole, with him in Creston at Christmas.

HEALTH UNIT NOTE

Information has been received from Edmonton that the contents of Freezable Novelty Plastic Ice Cubes and Teething Rings may be harmful to human beings. Tests are at present being undertaken in various laboratories.

It is recommended that until further information is obtained such products not be used.

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How long the giant Galapagos tortoise lives in uncertain, but scientists estimate from growth rings around the plates on their backs that some are over 150 years.

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Best Wishes for Christmas

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Amidst the hustle and bustle and commercialism of this day and age in which we live, our various Christian Holy days have all but lost their meaning. We who profess to be Christian, might do well to pause for a moment and reflect on the true meaning of this wonderful time when we are supposed to be commemorating the birth of the Messiah.

LET US THEREFORE NOT FORGET TO BE GRATEFUL AT THIS TIME FOR GOD'S GREATEST GIFT TO MANKIND -- THE BIRTH OF HIS ONLY SON -- INTO THIS WORLD WHOSE BIRTH WE CELEBRATE TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS.

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NEW YEAR'S BABY AWARDS

Last week we intimated that there would be more to tell about awards offered for the first baby born in the New Year. Well we have more to say on the matter but not quite what everyone has probably been expecting.

In our fast poll of the business people of the town we met with considerable support in the proposal however, much meat for thought also came forth.

One suggestion which I personally feel has some merit and should receive some consideration was to have every baby's name of those born during a year placed in a drum and on the end of the year make draws from the drum and in this way all who are born during the year will receive a chance at a prize. Also some thought was put forward that in requiring people to meet a deadline for an award for first baby born in the New Year may cause unnatural methods to be used to insure a win. This certainly would not be what anyone sponsoring such a contest would want.

With these possible problems and controversaries rising out of the suggested New Year's Baby contest we decided that the most we could do this year was to initiate a start and hope that by next year some solution could be arrived at that would be suitable and acceptable to our area.

To all next year's babies then, may I wish a hearty welcome to our complex world and may all your problems be no more exacting than those presented on this page.

To all then, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

WATCH THIS PAGE FOR MORE ON THE NEW YEAR'S BABY PROMOTION.

MISSIONARY MEETING

There will be a missionary meeting held in the Penticostal Tabernacle on January 7th at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Gwen Schmidt who is a missionary from the Far East will be showing slides of missionary work in India and China as well as speaking.

CHRISTMAS Message

from Rev. G.E. Ingram, Rector of All Saints Anglican Church, Drayton Valley.

There must be a few people in this part of the world particularly who do not know what or where is Bethlehem, and what significance that small town has. The name has been preserved through nearly two millenia of Christian history. It has been immortalized in popular Christmas Carols. "It is the place of the dear Saviour's birth." To Christians, of course, Bethlehem is the symbol of the divine condescension, of the love of God so deep and broad and far that "He gave his only-begotten Son to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." As Bishop Moorman puts it, "It is the first stage in man"s redemption, the putting on by Christ of his working garments, the throwing down of the challenge to all that is false and evil in the world." As such it occasions unspeakable joy and thanksgiving for the Christian. To the Christian Bethlehem is also the symbol of man's rejection of his God who visited him in so great humility. When Christ first came we pushed Him into an outhouse and we have done our best to keep Him there ever since. St. John puts it so simply and poignantly: "He came unto his own and his own received him not." How well we know that the coming of Christ means the upsetting of our comfortable little lives and we don't want that to happen. And that is why, beyond Bethlehem, we can begin to see the shadow of the Cross arising "upon a lonely hill." The cradle is the prelude to the cross.

There is a great need for us to let Christ step out of the manger and grow up in our lives. Something, as I said, we are reluctant to have Him do; yet what we must let Him do if we are not to remain little men -- and, worst of all, unredeemed little men. It is as Christ himself has said, "....For this cause came I unto the world....." And the truth is mankind needs redemption. The whole creation needs redemption. To redeem all mankind from the curse of sin and death and to re-open the way of sinful mankind to God: "....Christ was born for this. Christ was born for this." So Bethlehem's significance is derived as well from Calvary. The Manger is meaningless apart from the Cross, and the Cross meaningless apart from the Cradle.

May God grant you the wisdom and the grace to celebrate in a most spiritual and meaningful way "the birthday of the King." My prayer is that He may reign in your hearts now and always.

STONY PLAIN BEATS OILERS

Action in the Pee Wee section of the Hi-Way 16 West Minor Hockey League was resumed last Saturday when Stony Plain visited Drayton Valley and took a 4-2 victory over the Oilers. The Stony team had a slight edge throughout and capitalized on opportunities to carry the victory.

Allan Casey and Bob Henderson scored for Drayton Valley while Allan Lowe, Jack McNary, Dennis Goldsach and Marvin Rockney were the Stony Plain marksmen.

The league will now recess until after the Christmas Holidays. Play will be resumed on Saturday, January 8, 1966 with Onoway playing at Drayton Valley and Stony Plain hosting Spruce Grove.

May the spirit of good will to all men be your guiding faith forever.

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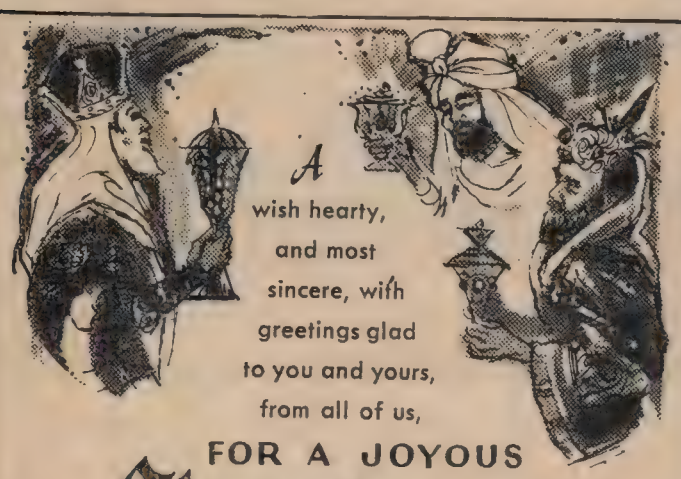

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Curling News

The official closing of the 65 curling year came to pass ver the last weekend as 650 os. of turkeys were dispersed between 18 rinks. This should help fill a few hungry mouths over the festive season.

In the Men's Open Turkey Bonspiel it was Bill Fiveland with Allan Small, Jim Will and Bob Nievers who went undefeated through the 'spiel to take top honors. They defeated Barrie Harrison in the finals. Gary Bannard and Cardwell Supply took third and fourth. Second Event honors went to Ken Machan, with Bob Barker, Bruce Boles and Claude Albert who outwitted Adrian Meier in an eight-rock final. Bill Wickware of Seba Beach and Lloyd MacLean took third and fourth. Third event went to Dr. H. Shimbashi with Bill Sware, Bert Telford and Al Braden who upset the power packed rink of Jim Bell in another close two-rock final. Kevin Goble and Fred Soliski took third and fourth.

In the Sunday Evening Turkey 'Spiel it was Archie Griffith, Grant Campbell and Jim Bell rinks of Section "E" that took home turkeys. Matt Leake, Norman Swensied and Phil Murray rinks took home the turkeys in Section "F". Mixed curling will begin again on January 9th. Section "E" will play at 7:00 p.m. and Section "F" will play at 9:00 p.m.

The first square in the Men's Draw was completed with some very close battles for division honors. In section "A" it was John Fournier with Gary Bannard at the T-head who outpointed Bill Fiveland by a single point. Jim Schurman and John McDonald make up the balance of the Fournier Rink. In Section "B" Adrian Meier came from behind to out-point Archie Griffith, Grant Shearer and Alan Small by two points. Curling with Meier are Wally Uhyrn, Bert Dennis and Eldon (Road Racer) Herbert. In Section "C" Bert Demurs out pointed Ray Wickens by two points to win the section easily. With Demurs are Bill Copeman, David James. In Section "D" last years Club Champion, Ken Ewoniak, with Ken Helander, Rex Burrows and J. Zenichisn showed championship form as they sewed up the section, two draws before the end of the schedule.

Next games in the Men's League will begin Monday, January 3, 1966. Section "A" January 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Section "B", January 3rd at 9:00 p.m., Section "C", January 4th at 7:00 p.m. and Section "D" January 4th at 9:00 p.m.

New Sections for the Men's League are as follows:
Section "A" - Ken Ewoniak*, Ray Wickens, Bert Demurs *, Allan Small, Grant Shearer, Adrian Meier *, Dr. H. Shimbashi, Lorne Nelson, Bill Fiveland, John Fournier *.
Section "B" - Barrie Harrison, Kevin Goble, Ken Gillis, Glen McLaughlin, Al Young, Lloyd MacLean, Howard Cathrea, John Poloway, Bill Rose, Electrical Contractors.
Section "C" - Fred Soliski, Jim Striet, Emil LaBranche, Matt Leake, Al Casey, Darryl Trueman, John Matt, John Wronko, John Desjardin, Ted Reynolds.
Section "D" - Andy McGaughey, Nick Laboissiere, Jacke Berg, Jim Bell, Bill Cochran, Jack Barrett, High School, Red Mattoon, Les Wall and Wes Rowles.

All Section Winners (*) are now in Section "A", the sections will be redrawn after the next square is completed.

The Executive of the Drayton Valley Curling Club wish to extend appreciation to all those who have patronized the club over the past year to make the club what it is today. They wish to extend Greetings to all for a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

Remember when income tax was paid only by people who could afford to.

C.N.I.B. DRIVE RAISES $675

Results of the Lions Club sponsored door-to-door campaign for the CNIB were announced recently and show a contribution of $675.25 from the Town of Drayton Valley.

The CNIB in a letter to the Drayton Valley Lions Club expressed sincere thanks to the club and residents of the community. The local Lions also wish at this time to add their thanks for the help and generisity shown.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

This is how the latest version of the Bible translates Luke 2:14—a change from the familiar "and on earth peace, good will to men."

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
From Management and Staff

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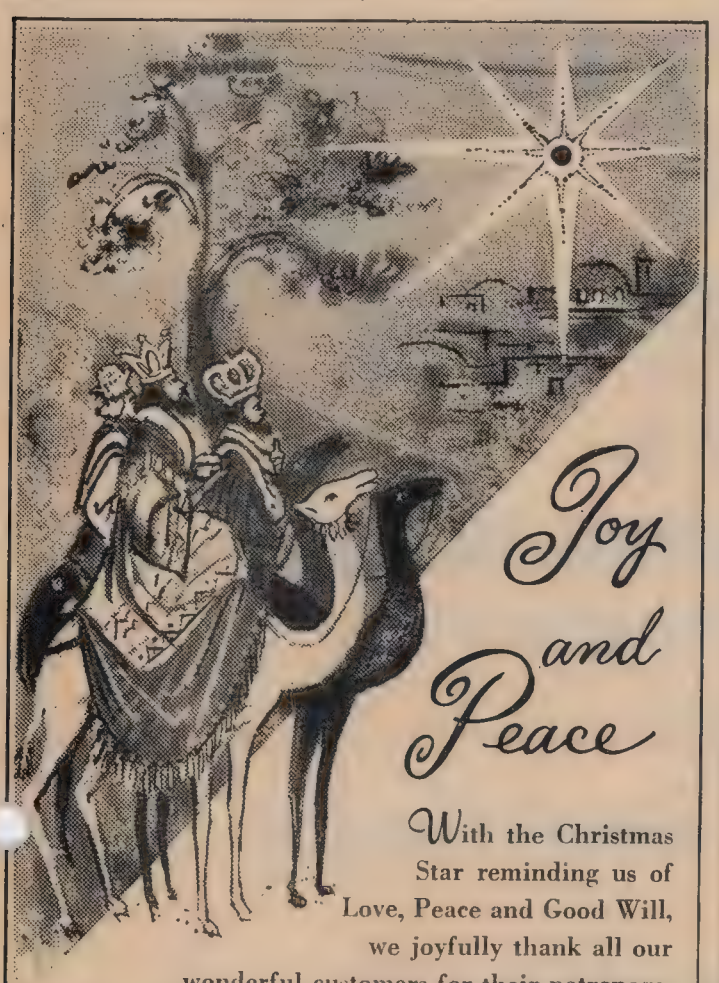

Joy and Peace

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CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN

By Mike Gormley

Once again we have passed from the declining days of autumn into December the month of ice and snow and mirth. Once again, we have come to that time of year when the Christmas Spirit sweeps over the world and touches one and all with its magic wand. Once again, the Prince of Peace comes with his message of Peace on Earth and Goodwill Among Men.

For a brief period during this this Holy and happy season peace and goodwill among men comes closer to realization than at any other time during the year. The prevalent tensions among nations and among individuals are lessened. Hostilities abate for a spell at least if it is impossible for them to cease entirely. The deep chill of a cold impersonal world thaws just a bit as a result of that guiding ray of light from the very Author of Peace.

This merry and peaceful season also marks the end of a year and the birth of a new one. The year 1965 will soon be history. It will go down in indelible writing, for better or for worse in the future of the world, of our country, of our province, of our community and of our people as individuals.

In the sphere of recreation here in Drayton Valley, this year of 1965 was a good year but by no means a great year. It was a successful year in many respects but it failed to reach expectations in others. It was also a resourceful year in that a great many people got a great deal from our recreation program. Again there were times when we were wondering how much our people were being enriched by the program. It was a year that had its bright lights and incidents of fond memory such as our swimming program which was the best ever. It was also a year that had its dark days and incidents which would be very well forgotten if they could be such as our infamous "football fiasco." It was a year of progress in many phases of our program, expecially in the work of our Centennial Committee. It was also a year that saw the entire recreation program almost crumble from one distasteful event. Our Recreation Program was set back several years on the day of October 17, 1965. In a word, 1965 was a controversial year recreation-wise in Drayton Valley.

So much for the past, now let us look to the future with optimism and faith. Let us look to 1966 as a better and still more successful and progressive year. On behalf of the members of the Drayton Valley Recreation Board and muself I wish to extend to each and every one of your our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous, progressive and ever successful New Year. May the true Peace symbolic of this holy and happy season be with you on Christmas Day and may your family reunions be filled with joy and happiness. May the New Year be happy and bright for each one of you, may your every desire be fulfilled and may 1966 be a very good year for Drayton Valley and its residents.

In closing I wish personally to thank the members of our recreation board and of our athletic association and all those who were instrumental in our recreation program, for all they have done for the progress and advancement of Recrecreation during the past twelve months. A sincere thankyou and together we shall face 1966 with whatever problems and difficulties it may bring and strive ever to improve the calibre of recreation in Drayton Valley.

FROSTBITE WARNING

Aside from "nipping of the rose and biting of the toes" over-exposure to cold can cause extreme pain, disabling injuries, and even the loss of fingers, toes, and other body members.

Although most people recognize frostbite as a combination of time and temperature, few realize that wind also plays an important role. Since wind tends to drive heat out of the body quicker than if the air were quiet, frostbite can occur at temperatures normally not considered hazardous and it can do it in a relatively short time. From the accompanying table one can see that as the wind increases; frostbite can occur in increasingly higher temperatures.

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So before sending the little ones off to school or out to play, make sure they are dressed for the weather with proper ear, nose, hand, and foot protection and make sure that they're not out too long.

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Little Prune People Bring Good Luck

From the South of Germany comes a centuries-old custom of making "Little Prune People" for Christmas decorating and eating.

Legend has it that the appearance of these "little people" in the home during the holiday season will bring good luck and good harvest during the coming year. They take on characterizations of people of all ages and occupations, including St. Nicholas himself.

If Dad has some heavy wire and some scraps of plywood in his workshop, and if fruits and nuts are on hand (as they usually are at Christmas), almost any family could make some "lucky little prune people" this Yuletide. For groups large or small, planned or impromptu parties, the creation of prune people could be an enjoyable Christmas Day pastime.

Most people will quickly come up with their own ideas for prune characters they would like to create. The characterizations are limited only by the imagination and the materials that can be used.

Traditional materials used to create "prune people" are: heavy picture wire, prunes, dried figs and raisins, unshelled nuts, quarter-inch plywood scraps or wood scraps from crates, pliers, hammer, small awl, foil, scraps of Christmas wrapping, glue and a little imagination.

To make prune people, follow these steps:

1. Cut a three-inch square wooden base. Make two holes one inch apart in center of base and cover with paper or foil.

2. Cut wire 30" long and put each end through holes in bottom of base. The base will now stand with wire perpendicular and ready to string on nuts or prunes.

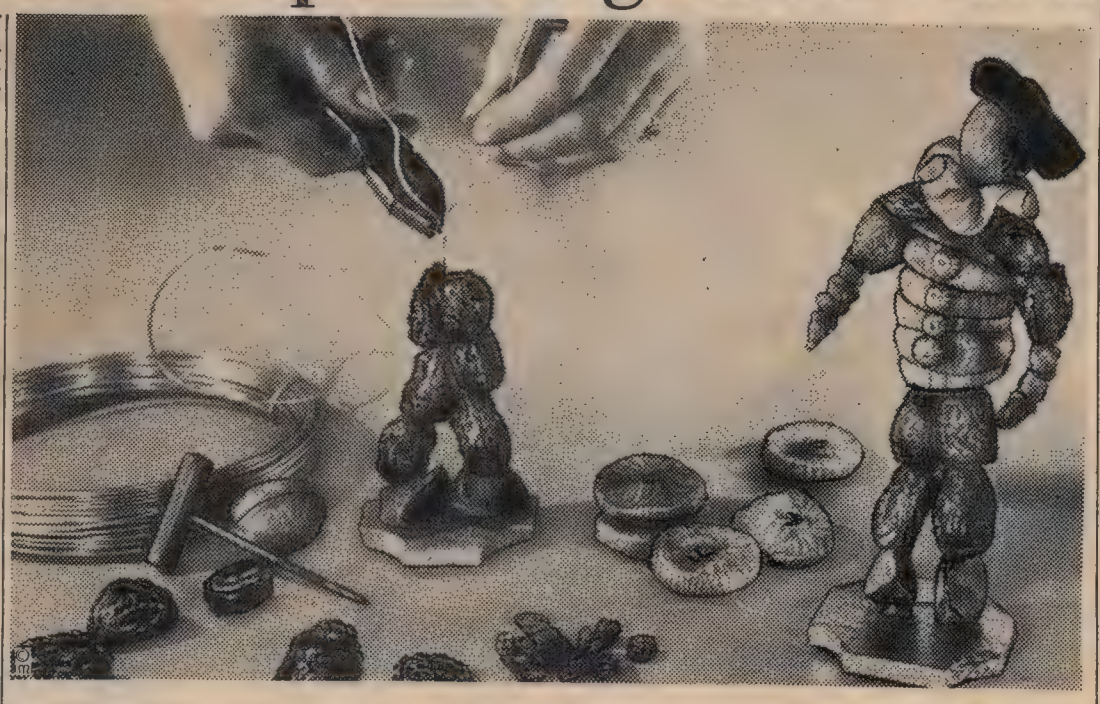
3. Punch hole through two Brazil nuts and string wire through holes to form feet and glue nuts to wooden base.

4. String two or three prunes on each wire for legs. Then twist two strands of wire around each other to form one strand so that body can be made from prunes or figs (five or six figs or two or three prunes).

5. Twist strands of wire again to hold torso in place at neck. Then separate wires and bend down arms. Make arms of prunes, adding raisins for cuffs or hands, snip off extra wire and bend into loop to hold fruit in place.

6. For the head, make small hole in end of walnut and insert short piece of wire in walnut — just far enough to hold head in place, using balance of wire to wrap around wire that forms body of figure.

7. With scraps of cloth, thumb tacks, small balls of foil or raisins and a little creative thought, dress the little prune figures.



PRUNE PEOPLE BRING luck during the coming year, legend says. They are easy to make with ingredients most families have on hand at Christmas time — prunes, figs, Brazil nuts, together with plywood scraps, picture wire and scraps of such decorative materials as foil and gift wrapping paper.

* * *

SOME CHARACTERS that might be created from prunes and other ingredients are shown at right. The chimney sweep is prunes from neck to toe. His ladder and hat are made from shiny black construction paper. He and his companions, the Tyrolean prune couple, stand on a three-inch wooden base covered with foil. Each has Brazil nuts glued to the base for feet, and a walnut for a head.

To Honor St. Basil . . .

Since the herald angels sang, bringing "glad tidings of great joy" to shepherds watching their flocks, the people of many lands have contributed to the history of Christmas hymns and carols.

In the fourth century, St. Basil the Great of Greece emerged victorious in his struggle for Christianity with the Byzantine Emperor Julian. To celebrate this victory, a musical poem or carol was sung in his honor.

The first day of the New Year is still celebrated as St. Basil's day in Greece, and children receive their "Christmas" gifts on that day.

Toronto lost $3,600,000 in 1964 because church property is not taxable.

If you were born in May 1897 or earlier, and can meet residence requirements, you should send in your application for your Old Age Security pension this month, in order that you may receive your first cheque the month following the 69th anniversary of your firth in 1966. Application forms are available at any post office.

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Sunday, Dec. 26, St. Stephen - Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and Morning Prayer at 11:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, December 19th - Community Choir Cantata, "Love Transcending" at 11:00 a.m.
MONDAY, December 20th - C.G.I.T. Candelight Vesper Service at 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, December 24th - Festival of Lessons and Carols at 7:30 p.m. -- Babysitting in the nursery --
SUNDAY, December 26th - Family Worship at 11:00 a.m.
FRIDAY, December 31st, New Year's Eve Service in All Saints Anglican Church at 10:00 p.m.

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Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m.
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Holiday Celebrations Reflect Customs from Far and Near

Celebrating the happy holiday of Christmas is an almost universal custom, and many of the traditions belonging to the day are universal, too. Gift giving, merrymaking, gaily decorated trees and brightly glowing lights are holiday habits that have found their way to almost every corner of the globe.

Along with the similarities in the way people observe Christmas go just as many differences. From country to country, from city to city, from family to family, holiday customs vary, sometimes just enough to show the touch of individual imagination, and sometimes so greatly that it seems hard to believe the same day is being commemorated.

Gift Giving . . .

It's traditional to receive gifts during the Yuletide season, but the time is not always December 25, and the gift-giver is not always Santa.

One of the earliest Christmas giving times takes place in the Netherlands, according to the Book of Knowledge. Here, the children receive their gifts from St. Nicholas on December 5. The date, appropriately enough, is called St. Nicholas Eve, in honor of the real St. Nicholas, a fourth century bishop.

Christmas gift giving in Italy comes on January 5, which is known as Epiphany Eve. The traditional gift giver is Befana. Legend says that Befana misdirected the wise men, and now she seeks to atone by going about the world doing good to children.

In Scandinavian countries, gifts are given on St. Lucy's Day, December 13.

The time for gift giving in Puerto Rico and Spain is January 6, the day when, traditionally, the wise men came to Bethlehem.

In Germany

From Christmas trees to Christmas toys, many Christmas customs now universally observed came first from Germany.

In the medieval town of Nuremberg, the highlight of the Christmas season is the "Christkindlmarkt," or literally, Christ Child's Fair

The "Christ Kind," or Christ Child, is the gift giver, and the culmination of the fair, on Christmas Eve, is a visit by the Christ Kind to the balcony of the historic church, the Frauenkirche. Days of group caroling by the children precede this event.

Fun and Feasting . . .

A merry, hearty feast is traditional at Christmas, but the ingredients are not always the same. Norwegians might serve, instead of turkey and trimmings, codfish and pickled pork, while baked carp is a favored Christmas delicacy in Austria.

Christmas dining customs change with time, too. History describes a "traditional" Christmas feast of seventeenth century Quebec, a feast that would be considered somewhat unusual today.

Before each diner at the feast was placed a bowl of birchbark or polished basswood and a spoon of bark. The diners supplied their own knives, and there were no forks.

Into the bowl went first the appetizers — cornbread and a boiled mixture of eels, salmon and beans. The soup course was a rich meat broth, thickened with nuts. Vegetables included corn, peas and baked squash.

The main course featured roast venison and squirrel pies, with baked wild pigeons, partridges, blackbirds, owls — all served together.

Dessert consisted of cakes of maple sugar or sunflower seeds and nuts, topped with a sauce of boiled dried berries.

Since the Star shone on Bethlehem, lights have been a part of Christmas celebrations. Today, candlelight services are traditionally held by many churches at Christmas.

Something unique in the way of Christmas lights are the "luminarias" used to decorate the city of Albuquerque, N.M., at Christmastime.

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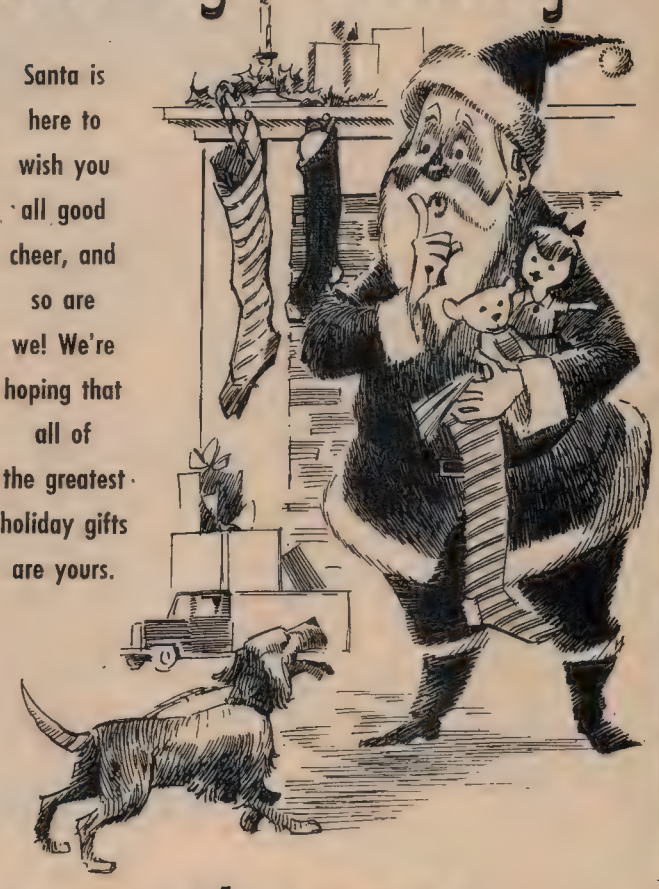

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Distinguished Scholar Had Doubts About Famous Christmas Poem

"'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,
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With these lines begins the familiar poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas." Today, this poem is a treasured part of the lore of Christmas, often quoted and published at the Yuletide season.

Surprisingly, the poet who created it was far from proud of his work.

A distinguished Biblical scholar and professor of divinity, Dr. Clement Clark Moore wrote the poem for the amusement of his children at Christmas in 1822. A visitor in the home at the time copied it and had it published a year later in the Troy, N.Y., Sentinel.

The poem appeared anonymously, because Dr. Moore felt that he, as a professor of divinity, should not be associated with such "undignified" work.

For more than 20 years, he refused to take credit for the poem. In 1844 the poem was published and for the first time credited to its creator, Clement Clark Moore.

PROTECT YOUNG AND ELDERLY

At holiday time, Canadians are asked to be particularly watchful over small children and elderly persons who are too often the victims when fire occurs, the Canadian Underwriters' Association said.

The highest death rate by fire is among persons 65 years of age or over, largely because they are often unable to help themselves escape from a burning building.

Canada fits in five people per square mile. The Netherlands, where life is tighter, squeezes in 942.

NOTICE

OF SEPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

1966

NEW TOWN OF LODGEPOLE
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of the said Municipality, made under the provision of the Assessment Act, has been prepared and will for thirty (30) days be open to inspection at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipality during business hours. That any person who desires to object to the entry of his name, or that of any other person upon the said roll, or to the assessed value placed upon any property, must within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice lodge his complaint in writing with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipality.

DATED this 29th day of December, 1965.

E.T. Proehl,
Secretary-Treasurer

PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING

The Public is urged not to use or buy as gifts water-filled plastic containers used as permanent drink coolers, teething rings and similar devices. Many of these items which are manufactured in Hong Kong are filled with a fluid that is laden with bacteria which could be dangerous to health.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THESE

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It is suggested that retailers and other merchants who may have these items for sale might remove them from their shelves in order to protect their customers from possible damage of infection.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Christmas Message

Dear Friends,

"Many, many years ago, God God created the world and then He created Adam and Eve. One day they disobeyed God an and were sent out of the Garden of Eden. Because God loved Adam and Eve, He said He would send someone to save them, and this is the real reason why we have Christmas - to celebrate the coming of our Saviour."

May the Infant Christ fill all your hearts with peace and Joy.

Father Lynch.

CHRISTMAS SPRIT

Kris Kringle, La Befana, Yule Tomten, Christkindle, Santa Claus--whichever name you choose to give him, Father Christmas is one of the traditional favourites of Yuletide, with his team of reindeer and sleigh full of toys.

Santa Claus is a contraction for St. Nicholas, a bishop who was born in the third century. He was famed for the giving of unexpected gifts, especially during the end-of-year season.

I wish all my music students in Drayton Valley a MERRY CHRISTMAS and lots of progress in the year to come.

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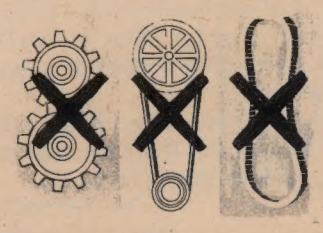

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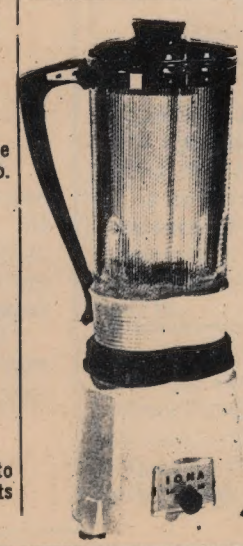

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL, 1966

SPECIAL AREAS NOS. 2 AND 3 AND ALL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS EXCEPT NO. 95.

NOTICE is hereby given that the assessment rolls of Special Areas Nos. 2 and 3 and all Improvement Districts other than Improvement District No. 95, made under the provisions of The Assessment Act have been prepared and will, for thirty (30) days, be open to inspection at the Department of Municipal Affairs, 10363 - 108th Street, Edmonton, Alberta, during business hours and that any person who desires to object to the entry of his name or that of any other person upon the said roll(s), or to the assessed value placed upon any property, must, within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice, lodge his complaint(s) in writing with the Department of Municipal Affairs.

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The lowest or any bids received will not necessarily be accepted.

Town of Drayton Valley,
December 21, 1965
W.G. Johanneson,
Secretary-Treas.

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LOST - Red Honda Trail Motorcycle Monday night between Buck Creek, South of Highway 57 and East to Berrymore, Lindale corner. Finder please contact Marvin Wolf at Lindale or Phone The Western Review, 542-3425, Drayton Valley. Reward. d22j5p

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(Section 132 (1).)

STONY PLAIN SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 23

Nominations for the office of divisional trustee for Sub-division No. 5 of the Stony Plain School Division No. 23 of the Province of Alberta will be received by the undersigned at his office in the Town of Stony Plain, Alberta, until 5:00 o'clock on Saturday, the 15th day of January, 1966.

Nomination and acceptance forms (Forms G and H) may be obtained from the secretary of your School District, or from the undersigned.

A.W. Boychuk, Secretary
Stony Plain School Division No. 23,
Stony Plain, Alberta.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Although the Christmas festival celebrates the birth of Christ, many seasonal customs date back to the pre-Christian era. The Romans ornamented their temples and houses with green boughs and flowers for the Saturnalia, which was their season of merrymaking and the giving of presents. The Druids gathered mistletoe with great ceremony and hung it in their homes. The Saxons used holly, ivy and bay.

It is generally believed that the first Christmas tree was, in fact, a sacred oak used in German pagan festivals. Boniface, an English missionary who went to Germany in the eighth century, replaced the oak by a fir tree adorned in tribute to the Christ Child.

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CHRISTMAS Message

- CHRISTMAS -
FACT OR FICTION

The shepherds were not led by a star and the wisemen did not worship a baby in a manger. These are only two of the often distorted facts of Divinely inspired writings. What the Devil cannot destroy he will distort. What he cannot distort he will try to get mankind to ignore.

At this time, as we recall the birth of Jesus there are some who can merely exchange gifts. They do not believe that a virgin can bear a child. To them Jesus never lived... and therefore never died for their sins. By such reasonings they (try to) abolish, as Satan has ever tried to do, the Saviour.

Jesus Christ is Christmas.

To think of world conditions today, its strivings for unity and peace - without Christ, is to recall the Roman effort for unity and peace - WITHOUT CHRIST. And it is only a grand scale picture of the individual who seeks peace and hope - without Christ.

What matters it if we say the shepherds followed a star and the wise men worshipped a babe in a manger, when in fact they didn't? First: we can change no truth of God's Word whether it be by destruction, distortion or ignorance, without harm to ourselves and others. Second: we have an example, and one the Devil and his servants have tried to destroy, distort or ignore, that God said to Adam and Eve, "Thou shalt surely die." Satan simply denied it and distorted it into a promise of blessing.

To begin to distort is certain of destruction. To distort the truth of Christmas is to destroy it and all its simple beauty. There is no Christmas without Christ. "Christ" means anointed - sent of God - to save the lost and dying souls of a lost and dying world.

That is the unvarnished, indestructible, undistorted truth, Christ came to die that you and I might have LIFE everlasting. Don't let your .....mas be without Christ.

Rev. Elbert R. Cearfoss,
Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.

Unique Holiday Message

It was the "Golden Age of Christmas." The personal exchange of good wishes, visiting homes to toast a friend's good health, carol-singing, bringing in the Yule log and great family dinners were all in vogue.

A new book was published that year. It told of Christmas goose and plum pudding, of happy family parties. It presented, and made immortal, Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim. The book was Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," and the year was 1843.

Appropriately, during this "Golden Age of Christmas," the now universally-popular custom of sending Christmas greeting cards began.

The very first card, authorities now agree, is the celebrated Cole-Horsley, designed and printed in London in 1843. Only a dozen of the original 1,000 copies are known to exist, and two of these, including the only unsigned and unposted specimen, are part of the Hallmark Historical Collection.

When not on display in museums and similar institutions, the collection is filed in a specially constructed vault at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, Mo.

Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman, and founder of the Victoria and Albert Museum, asked his friend, John C. Horsley, noted artist and member of the Royal Academy, to design the now-famous card as an unusual means of expressing his kind wishes to friends at the holiday season.

Composers Inspired...

Famous composers have found in Christmas inspiration for some of their most renowned music. At Christmas, and Easter, too, people gather to hear performances of Handel's "Messiah." Bach's Christmas Oratorio" and Berlioz' "L'Enfance du Christ" are other examples of "serious" music often specially performed at Christmas.

Twentieth century composers, too, have written music around Christmas themes. Probably the most familiar example is Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," an opera commissioned for television and performed annually. Honegger's "Christmas Cantata" and Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" are other notable examples.

CHRISTMAS IS THE FAMILY AT HOME

Wrapped in the aura of good fellowship that abounds at Christmas — surrounded by family and friends — happy amid the simple family pleasures that make this the happiest of all occasions. Yes, Christmas-time is a happy time for all . . . and may yours be the happiest ever.

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